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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

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Chairman Holmquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairman Holmquist opened public comment on matters within the Commissions' Jurisdiction. No one rising to speak, Chairman Holmquist closed the public comment period.**

**TAX REFUND REQUEST: JONES**

10:15:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Treasurer's Office Adele Krantz & Sue Waggener, Clerk Kile

Pence reviewed the legal process required for filing a tax appeal.

Krantz stated they stand on the wording on the "AB-26" form, and explained if they waiver from that process the county tax rolls are affected.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to deny the refund request for Jones. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX REFUND REQUEST: FULLER FAMILY TRUST**

10:17:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Treasurer's Office Adele Krantz & Sue Waggener, Clerk Kile

Pence explained the Fuller Family Trust was doubled taxed for the same service, therefore recommended approval.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the refund request for Fuller Family Trust due to mitigating circumstances as noted. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX REFUND REQUEST: JOHNSON**

10:18:49 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Treasurer's Office Adele Krantz & Sue Waggener, Clerk Kile

Pence noted a timely appeal was not submitted, therefore recommends the request be denied.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to deny the tax refund request for Johnson. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION: FLATHEAD COUNTY RETAIN TAX DEED PROPERTIES/ PORTION OF BIGFORK STAGE & PORTION OF STILLWOOD DRIVE**

10:20:40 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Plat Room Sheena Sterling, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to adopt Resolution No. 2345A/ Flathead County retain tax deed properties. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2345A

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2012, the Flathead County Commissioners issued Resolution 2345 directing the County Treasurer to issue a tax deed to Flathead County for each of the properties listed on the Exhibit that was attached to the Resolution;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the board of county commissioners to enter an order to sell, donate, or retain land acquired by tax deed;

WHEREAS, two tracts of land from the original list in Resolution 2345 remain in Flathead County's ownership;

WHEREAS, both tracts are portions of roads. One tract is a portion of Bigfork Stage. The other, a portion of Stillwood Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following tracts of land shall be retained by Flathead County:

*A portion of Bigfork Stage, Tract 2B in Government Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 27 North, Range 19 West, Assessor Number 0982997;*

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*A portion of Stillwood Drive, ½ interest in Tract 3E in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West Assessor No. 0013036.*

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

By/s/Pamela J. Holmquist  
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

By/s/Calvin L. Scott  
Calvin L. Scott, Member

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

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile  
Diana Kile, Deputy

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ KIM CROWLEY, LIBRARY**

10:30:07 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Library Director Kim Crowley, Clerk Kile

Crowley explained concerns related to proposed legislation submitted by Ed Lieser of Whitefish regarding creation of libraries in the State of Montana. She noted currently in the State of Montana to create a library district 15 percent of the qualified electors who reside within the proposed district where a district is to be made, would have to sign a petition and then bring it before the commissioners in the district for approval. The proposed legislation is to change the percentage from 15 to 20 percent, without approval by the commission. She further reviewed concerns regarding resource sharing between libraries, and asked the commission to oppose the legislation.

The commission held a brief discussion and postponed a decision regarding opposing the legislation, until talking with the County Attorney's Office.

In other business, she noted the open house held at the Library was a great success, with nothing but positive results about their remodel. She reported the Library received a leadership Flathead grant to re-do the landscaping outside the Main Library, and another grant for library furniture at the Bigfork Branch. Crowley explained the board is still looking at the Glacier Discovery Square in Columbia Falls, and will be presenting a proposal to the commission in another month or so.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CDBG SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION FORM/ GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER**

10:45:29 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Finance Technician Amy Dexter, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** for approval/ CDBG certification form. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: CDBG SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION FORM/ INTERMOUNTAIN PROVIDENCE HOME**

10:45:39 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Finance Technician Amy Dexter, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** for approval/ / CDBG certification form. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDED AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: ROSEWATER PUD**

10:46:39 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Alex Hogle, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger stated for the record that in the interest of disclosure, his son farms this property; however, he does not believe it is a conflict of interest to vote on an authorization to publish, as it does not address the merits of the matter.

Hogle noted the previous approval was not posted in time for the 45 day required posting. The amended Notice of Public Hearing will allow for a 45 day posting period.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to authorize publication of the Notice of Amended Public Hearing/ Rosewater PUD. Chairman Holmquist **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 3.31.020.4 of the Flathead County Zoning Regulations, that it will hold a public hearing to consider a request by Score Management, LLC for approval of the Rosewater Subdivision Planned Unit Development (PUD). The PUD would be located within the Highway 93 North Zoning District, SAG-5 (Suburban Agricultural). This notice replaces the notice dated January 16, 2013.

The area proposed to be overlaid is zoned SAG-5 (Suburban Agricultural) and is located at 1535 Rose Crossing. The property is situated on 154.023 acres of land located in Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West, P.M.M., Flathead County Montana and more particularly described as:

(Tract 1) Tract 1 of Certificate of Survey No. 17722, located and being in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2 SW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West;

(Tract 1A) Tract 1 of Certificate of Survey No. 18421, located in the South Half of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West; and

(Tract 9A) Tract 2 of Certificate of Survey No. 18421, located in the South Half of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 21 West.

The proposed PUD is a 58-lot residential (46 single-family lots and 12 townhouse lots) Major Subdivision. The PUD/Subdivision would include a 27-acre man-made lake and the lots would use five proposed onsite wastewater treatment systems and a proposed extension of the Evergreen Water & Sewer District's public water supply system. All permitted uses, conditional uses, bulk requirements, and dimensional requirements would comply with the underlying zoning classifications.

The regulations defining the PUD requirements and the SAG-5 zoning classification 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. Documents detailing the proposed PUD are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, located in the Old Courthouse at 800 South Main, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Kalispell, Montana, and on the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office's website, at: [http://flathead.mt.gov/planning\\_zoning/index.php](http://flathead.mt.gov/planning_zoning/index.php) and at the Flathead County Zoning and Planning Office, 1035 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana.

The public hearing will be held on the **25<sup>th</sup> day March, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, in the Office of the Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Third Floor, Old Courthouse, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana. At the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will give the public an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed PUD overlay in the Highway 93 North Zoning District.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Flathead County, Montana

ATTEST:  
Paula Robinson, Clerk

By/s/Pamela J. Holmquist  
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

By/s/Diana Kile  
Diana Kile, Deputy

Publish on March 11 and March 18, 2013.

**MONTHLY MEETING W/ DAVE PRUNTY, ROAD DEPT.**

11:00:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Planning & Zoning Director B. J. Grieve, Clerk Kile

Prunty reviewed the following monthly Road and Bridge report with the commission.

**Operations**

- Winter operations have occurred through January
- Plowing hours are down a little, but sanding time has been critical with the rains and warmer temperatures on the gravel road network
- Significant right-of-way clearing has occurred throughout the month
- Keith Hall has replaced Greg Iverson as the Bridge Foreman with Greg's retirement

**Dust Cost Share Program**

- The application will be updated and on the website this week
- Letter to last year's participants will be sent out this week informing them that it is time to apply
- Applications will be due on March 15, 2013
- The work will occur in June with the goal of project completion by July 1, 2013

**Ashley Lake Road Project**

- Planning for the millings project on Ashley Lake Road is underway
- Some minor widening will occur at the crest of the hill after breakup
- Geotechnical work will be done in late March/ early April to determine needed subgrade improvements and millings section
- Geotechnical consultant will determine thickness of millings and needed application rates of asphalt rejuvenate to obtain highest results
- Staff in contact with Ashley Lake home owners for their monetary contribution to project (\$10K to \$20K)
- Resource Advisory Council contributing \$54,500 to project

**Functional Classification Maps**

- Road Advisory Committee (RAC) has completed the Functional Classification Map work authorized by the commissioners
- RAC created definitions for major collectors (MDT maintained), collector and local roads (county maintained)
- RAC worked with the Planning Director knowing that both departments will utilize the maps for future work
- If funding issues develop for the Road Department these classifications would help determine roads maintained or maintenance hierarchy/priority routes

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Discussion was held relative to the functional classification maps prepared by the Road Advisory Committee, and concerns were expressed regarding language on the maps that state, "these maps are non-regulatory and are to be used for guidance only". The commission requested that advice be sought from the RAC regarding the language before any changes are made.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT/ CENTRAL AVENUE, MARTIN CITY**

11:26:15 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the temporary road closure permit. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**8:30 a.m. Weed & Parks Board meeting @ Weed & Parks Office**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 5, 2013.

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

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

**2:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Wastewater Management Group meeting @ EBB, Conf. Room A/B**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 6, 2013.

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

Chairman Holmquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Marianne Dyon the site manager at the Whitefish Community Center said she considers it a privilege to work hand and hand with Meals on Wheels, Agency on Aging and RSVP. She stated they are a team that works together for the best of our seniors. At the end of the day, her greatest reward is knowing they have delivered a hot meal that was prepared by the crew in Kalispell that loves what they are doing. Dyon noted the chef has been cooking there for 34 years. She explained they deliver meals to seniors that are unable to even get up and come to the door sometimes; 800 meals in Whitefish alone. She told of two incidents in the past couple of months where they have saved two lives. She said her plea to them is to continue this service.

Doug Gilbertson said he senses a certain reluctance on the part of the commission to move forward on the issue of a new AOA facility and questioned why. He stated they need a new facility of their own and need it now. Gilbertson explained he has been a member on the AOA board for a number of years, and has seen several proposals go forward. He stated the fairgrounds site is the best proposal he has seen so far. He said I wonder when, where and how we are going to make it all happen. Gilbertson said when he applied to serve on the AOA board he was asked about there being any kind of conflict of interest. He stated I suspect we have some of that lurking in the bushes right now; we ought also to take a serious look at the conflict of interest between our landlord at the AOA building and our county commissioners.

Beverly Sorensen said she and her husband have paid taxes in Flathead County for nearly 50 years. Over 20 of those she stated she has worked with senior services; everything between delivering meals and taking care of the center. She said she believes the AOA employees work harder than many other county employees do, and they always have a smile on their face and care about the seniors. Sorensen asked if the commission has personally seen the kind of facility the employees have to work in and the deficiencies they deal with.

George Colonius said as you have probably noted there is a little bit of distrust in this room, and I think perhaps you have earned that. You were given a presentation prepared by over 30 of your employees and a study done by staff that was highly endorsed by many, many people in this county. The fact there has been a delay in this has contributed to the distrust; each of you are honorable people, and we voted for you. Now we are asking you to do the right thing at the recommendation of the people that you have hired to run this county.

Pat Gilbertson said she was a receptionist at AOA 20 years ago when they were located at Courthouse East. She explained as the receptionist that she felt more like a counselor when taking calls from seniors who had many types of different needs. Gilbertson stated when they were at Courthouse East they had better services and more space than they do now. Now their facilities are cramped and inadequate for what they have to do; unlike you, they do not have an elevator. She stated the property owned by the county would be an ideal location for a new facility.

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Marianne Dyon further said that as a site manager she sees where more and more seniors are coming to the community. She stated she receives calls from other states inquiring what services are available for seniors. Dyon said she feels our greatest mission is to do what is best for our seniors and added it would be a win – win to put our volunteers together with our hurting seniors and give them a great service.

Nadine Eckert a volunteer out at Kelly Road said it is wonderful to be able to serve and see the elderly come in; however, the conditions are so cramped with people in wheelchairs and walkers. She explained they have had people sitting in the foyer eating because there is not enough room for them in the dining hall. She noted a volunteer is present today that fell on a power cord in the kitchen.

Billy Butts, Treasurer at North Valley Senior Citizens Center said the dozens and dozens of volunteers that keep the senior citizens centers operating need some oversight and experienced people to train them in their jobs. He stated he discovered there are about 10 -11 reports that are required for a non-profit group like the North Valley Senior Center that have to be submitted to the federal government and State of Montana. Butts said he thinks the groups should have training from the county since AOA is under the umbrella of the county. He further spoke about the senior citizens centers being the last resort for older citizens without families or an organized church or group to care for them; many years ago their last resort was the poor farm run by the county. He noted he is a driver for Meals on Wheels and is astounded of the conditions that some older citizens exist in.

Jenna Justice, Director of Frontier Hospice and a member of the AOA Board said this is an exciting time to live in the valley with many opportunities here and programs in place to help our aging population; yet we need the right amount of space for the programs. Justice stated between hospice, home care organizations, health care organizations, senior centers and AOA all the structures are in place, but we need a place where we can actually do business. She said the community is energized and ready to make this move as they see what is happening in the valley, which is a retiring population coming here.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY ROAD FILE: DIGITAL IMAGING PROJECT**

9:17:49 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Recording Manager Monica Eisenzimer, Finance Director Sandy Carlson, Plat Room Supervisor Vicki Gallo, I. T. Director Vicki Saxby, Clerk Kile

Robinson met with the commission and said she has given each of them a copy of the two bids received for the digital imaging project, along with an overview sheet and references submitted from three different agencies that used each one of them. She noted the funds were budgeted and approved last year; the Road Department for \$30,000 and \$18,000 from Records Preservation. She explained a contract has been received from both ComStar and ArcaSearch that will be reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. Robinson stated she would like to move on this as soon as possible, in order to give ample time to the company chosen to prepare.

Chairman Holmquist and Commissioner Scott said they needed additional time to review the bids.

Carlson stated as the committee evaluated the differences between ComStar and ArcaSearch they found a significant dollar amount difference. She said she supported the ArcaSearch proposal as they look at each individual piece and photograph it where the quality can be improved, instead of running the old brittle files through a scanner that has pre-set settings.

**DISCUSSION RE: CDBG GRANT FOR AOA BUILDING**

9:30:54 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, AOA Director Lisa Sheppard, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell, Ardis Larsen, Jorene Williams, Elizabeth Colucci, Eloise Mycroft, Mae Osborne, Marianne Dyon, Kathy Morris, Julianne Beck, Myron Beck, Larry Snyder, Roxy Larsen, Billy Butts, Beverly Sorensen, Patricia Gilbertson, Doug Gilbertson, Ruth Rose, Florence Johanson, Nadine Eckert, Nola Rice, Richard Lundstrom, Bess Lynch, Pat McClarty, Jerry O'Brien, Chuck Wilhoit, Jim Pearson, J. R. Isles, Carol Pike, George Colonius, Connie Colonius, May Alton, John Alton, Sue Cummings, Jerry Garding, Esther Ingrams, S. Kunda, Jenna Justice, Shirley Ann Barnes, Robert Olson, Clerk Kile

Sheppard said she is appreciative, overwhelmed and honored by the support shown in this room today for senior services in the valley. You are the people she stated who give their heart and soul every single day to make the lives better for seniors in this valley. The encouragement, support and help means everything as there is not a day that goes by that I don't feel the emotion you put into your work. She explained the agenda item today is to decide whether to go forward and pursue a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to help pay for a new AOA Building. She noted they are in the process of also looking at what services they are providing, and how they are providing them, along with what they can do better. Sheppard stated they learned yesterday they could actually move forward with a CDBG application with all the work previously done, and still have time to further plan.

Commissioner Scott commended Commissioner Krueger regarding his most recent and energetic passionate work on behalf of the AOA facility, and his work toward the goals for our aging population and dramatically increasing senior citizenry.

Commissioner Krueger thanked Commissioner Scott, and stated Lisa Sheppard, AOA Director will be the lead in developing the AOA program. He said something very nice will be done for our seniors.

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Chairman Holmquist stated the rumors that are being heard regarding the commission not supporting this are false. She said we are looking at an AOA facility somewhere, somehow; we do not know what that is going to be yet, but we are working on it. It is not true that they are not. Commissioner Krueger, the lead commissioner on the AOA Board will be working closely with Lisa. Chairman Holmquist said they do support Commissioner Krueger with what he is doing. Again, what it is going to look like they do not know yet; will it be at the fairgrounds, that is still up in the air. It is an option that is still there in the preliminary engineering report. She stated there are other sites being researched as well as they have time to do so. The CDBG they are working on to try to figure out just exactly how they are going to go after it; we have to have a little bit of an insight of what they are going to do. It does not have to be real specific as Lisa said, we can be working on it changing things as we go, but we need a basic concept of what we are going to do. Grant Writer Debbie Pierson and Commissioner Krueger will be working on that. I have always said from the beginning that I think we should go after the grant, because it is going to help us provide an even better facility for the seniors. We know there is a need, and we know we have issues, and we are dealing with them the best we can until we can move forward with the next step. We are not forgetting any of you; we know you are out there, and we are working to get there. Government is slow to get anything done. Rest assured we are working on it is all I can tell you today; I cannot give you any specifics.

Commissioner Scott said to demonstrate to those in the audience today our commitment for the AOA facility, I brought motions today so we can subsequently comment, and discuss these issues in the timeframe that we have so citizens can understand where we are heading with this.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to immediately begin the process of a CDBG application to provide for a full service AOA facility located on Flathead County property. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion.

Commissioner Krueger said to try to demonstrate to the community that we are on board and all this, a motion to demonstrate we are on board is simply that; if we do not have the passion in our heart, it will not work. I do not think we need this motion. I am straight up, and I think I have dealt with everybody here straight up and I think, when I say I am committed to the process I am committed to the process. We may find a little ways down the road that this is not the time to ask for the grant. I want our grant application to be the best that we can do today; if it is not the best that we can do in this cycle, I want it to be the best that we can do in the next cycle. I think it is very important to know a little bit about where we are headed. Lisa and I have had many passionate discussions; we are passionate about AOA providing a service that is more than it is today, and I want to reflect that in our grant application. We don't have it tied down, we have 22 people on an advisory committee that will get together and I want to put everything on the table. What kind of services do we not provide today, and what can we improve and how do we do that. That needs to be part of our grant. I think to do a motion that says we are going to do this is hollow, and I think it will be better if we just show you and demonstrate.

Chairman Holmquist stated she agreed; we are not nailed down yet to what we are going to do. We are going to do it, and we are going to move forward with something. We do not know what it is yet, and until we get there, I would agree. We can move forward with the grant without a formal motion, I believe.

Commissioner Krueger said we are moving forward.

Pierson said basically the next step if we are to pursue the CDBG grant would be to make a request to the City of Kalispell and get on their agenda, which would probably mean a second public hearing; that is a requirement of the grant. All of you who turned out here today, we would need you and more to come to the next public hearing. Based on that public hearing the council will make a decision as to whether or not the City of Kalispell will host the application. Flathead County does not have an application slot open right now, because we are sponsoring the Intermountain Providence Home that is going to be built in Somers. We are not sure when that will close out, but when it is finalized or at least the CDBG portion is spent then Flathead County will have another application available. We will look at doing what we can do to move forward with the City of Kalispell, and getting our foot in the door with a CDBG application this cycle. Depending on what happens with that, and for some reason we are not successful they will give us feedback on where we can improve our application, and we can potentially go back in the following cycle.

Commissioner Krueger said we are as well looking for other sources of funding.

Commissioner Scott said he would like to go on record as disagreeing with his fellow commissioners with regard to pursuing a grant application at this time. He stated there is no legitimate reason he can see not to pursue the grant given the fact that we do not have to as Commissioner Krueger eluded to, nail down any specifics to the grant at this particular time; however, it is very timely that we initiate that process now, and work through it beginning as quickly as possible. In that ensuing process, we can then address the relevant matters that may be of concern to Chairman Holmquist and Commissioner Krueger. I adamantly recommend we pursue an immediate process for the CDBG application; if we do not receive this impending round of CDBG funds, then we have the framework with which to move ahead for the next round in the next year. I think it is important that we demonstrate that commitment to our people that we are in earnest doing something about it. I heard very clearly today, do it now and get it done. I think we need to do just that.

Chairman Holmquist said with all due respect to Commissioner Scott, I did not hear that. We are discussing going forward with the grant; we are moving forward, and I think we all agree that we want to move forward with the grant. I just don't know that it needs to be done in that particular way.

Commissioner Scott said moving forward as a matter of record is a commitment; anything else, is not moving forward.

**Aye – Scott. Opposed - Holmquist and Krueger. Motion failed.**

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to move to establish a special AOA Committee to propose a full AOA Program and facility plan within the next four months. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion.

Commissioner Krueger said he has been working with Lisa, and they have developed a plan; she mentioned a year and he said they better get it done in six months. So there again, we will be putting together a committee that Lisa is in charge of as the department head.

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Commissioner Scott said he would agree to amend the motion to come up with a facility and program plan within the next six months, if that would please Commissioner Krueger.

Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion and stated he doesn't feel we need the motion.

Chairman Holmquist said what happens in government is things don't always move as smoothly as you want them to. Sometimes it takes a little longer, and sometimes there is a bump in the road; things happen. It isn't that we are not moving forward again, the rumors are not true we are going to address this issue. We are going forward with the grant application. Lisa and Commissioner Krueger are working very closely together, things are happening. We are not letting this die, and I do not think it needs a motion to do that. We have a committee coming together and we cannot nail it down to six months. Sometimes things don't happen as quickly as we want. It may happen in four months or it may take eight months. This application is going to be tough for the Grant Writer to get together in such a short time. She is working as quickly as she can.

**Aye** – Scott. **Opposed** - Holmquist and Krueger. Motion failed.

Commissioner Krueger said many questions that we have here pertain to what our commitment is.

Sheppard said Commissioner Krueger is right in that they have had a lot of candid and passionate discussion, which she stated she is appreciative of. She stated she knows that he very much sincerely wants to do what is best for the community and the seniors and has a lot of great ideas. Sheppard said she also hears from the seniors how important it is to have something concrete that you can hang onto; so I am vouching for their commitment, but I also know that because I hear from you all the time that it may not be enough for them. I hear people being worried a lot. I think they have confidence in us as an agency, and I think they know we are committed to going forward. I am sincerely saying I am excited about the conversations we have had. I do have to tell you, I think a motion would be meaningful, because I hear from people every day.

Commissioner Krueger said I am new to the board and had to go back and look at where this process started. It started in 2004 and the ball has been dropped time and time again. Why does it get dropped; that I don't know. I know if we build a program that is better than the program we have today, maybe the passion will be there to carry it forward. We will have something in about six months. I suggest maybe we put together a public hearing at the end of our six-month period to tell where we are at. The public deserves to know.

Sheppard said in six months, I feel incredibly confident that we are going to have a tremendous plan in place. As you all know we have already started that discussion with almost everyone here in the room. The six-month time frame is completely doable; it might happen in four, and I think it would be great to have as many opportunities for public comment as we can.

Pierson said she wanted everyone to understand that the CDBG funding is a small portion of the needed funds. There has to be a much larger commitment, which would be on behalf of the commissioners to fund the project. The grant is a piece of the pie, but not the entire picture to make the building happen.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to set aside \$2 million dollars of PILT funds toward the construction of a full service AOA facility to be constructed on Flathead County owned property on or before October 1, 2014.

Commissioner Krueger said that was not noticed on the agenda, and is not a motion that can be made at this time.

Commissioner Scott said I defer to Roberts Rules that the agenda indicates CDBG for the AOA building, and this is relevant to the building.

Chairman Holmquist said it says CDBG not PILT.

Commissioner Scott said how you apply the adjective and adverbs; I do not think changes the fact that this is a discussion of the AOA building.

Chairman Holmquist said it is two pots of money and is different.

Motion died for lack of a **second**.

Commissioner Scott said you have made your statement.

**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT EXTENSION: J. DUGAN, FLP 11-02**

10:00:59 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Bailey Minnich, Ardis Larsen, Clerk Kile

Minnich reviewed Lakeshore Permit FLP 11-02; an application submitted by Jolene Dugan to install an access bridge entirely on private property located off Holt Drive on Flathead Lake. She explained the commission previously granted extensions to the permit and this would extend the permit to March 16, 2014.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to extend Lakeshore Permit FLP 11-02. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

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**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: ALLEN, ET AL, FLP 13-02**

10:03:04 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Bailey Minnich, Clerk Kile

Minnich entered into record FLP 13-02; an application submitted to remove a tree at 1395 Fireman's Island Road on Echo Lake. She noted in order to remove the tree that has a deck built around it, the decking will have to be removed and reinstalled.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 13-02. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

**DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE: 2013 MONTANA FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM/ BLACKTAIL ROAD AND PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD**

10:04:52 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Road & Bridge Supervisor Ovila Byrd, Ardis Larsen, Clerk Kile

Prunty reviewed the proposal for Blacktail Road, which is an application with Flathead County Road Department and Flathead National Forest to pave 1.75 miles of Blacktail Road, from the end of the pavement to the end of the counties maintenance. He noted the estimated costs are at \$1.18 million that includes all engineering and a 30 percent contingency. Prunty said the proposal is to use the county asphalt plant and mix to meet the 13.42 percent match.

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

Prunty reviewed the proposal for Pleasant Valley Road, which is an application with U. S. Fish Wildlife Service out at the Lost Trail Wildlife Refuge where Pleasant Valley Road travels through the refuge for 6 ½ miles. The total estimated price is at \$1.8 million and the counties portion, because the road has low traffic counts other than during hunting season will be to put magnesium chloride on 3 ½ miles on the improved roadway for two years that would be estimated to be \$42,504. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has agreed to make up the difference of 13.42 percent with a cash payment for their total.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MDOT SECONDARY ROADS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

10:10:37 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Road & Bridge Supervisor Ovila Byrd, Ardis Larsen, Clerk Kile

Prunty reported the four potential secondary road projects being considered for the program list were:

- West Reserve from the round-about going west to Stillwater and out to Farm to Market
- Various sections of Whitefish Stage
- North Fork Road at the end of the oil up to the Camas entrance
- Hwy. 206 – Woody's to the junction of Hwy. 2

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to put West Reserve on the secondary roads list. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion.

Commissioner Scott said he would prefer Whitefish Stage; reason being having reviewed and traveled both of the roads the base condition and condition of the surface of Whitefish Stage Road is deplorable as compared to West Reserve to the extent it pitches a vehicle right and left simply driving straight down the road. With inclement weather, the danger is increased to then perhaps get off into the deep side ditches, which would then be a rollover. The recommendation he has for Whitefish Stage is based on population density being greater in that particular area. Scott reviewed data from the Montana Site Selector through information provided by Montana West Economic Development where he noted the population density, owner occupied housing, number of units and average household size are all far greater than West Valley. Whitefish Stage also provides an alternative north south to alleviate traffic through Highway 2 to the east, Highway 93, and a connector from West Reserve to Highway 40. It seems to me that the funds allocated for this \$1.7 million per mile to around \$5 million would allow us to improve that road almost as a finished project, all the way from Hodgson south to where the previous improvements were made by Birch Grove; that would pretty much complete that road other than work on the intersection at West Reserve and a small section north of Hammer Nutrition to Highway 40, and would provide a much safer venue for a greater majority of our people in the area.

Commissioner Krueger stated what has been sent to them by the state regarding cost for Whitefish Stage is \$12.1 million, which is far and above what they asked for us to provide to them. What they asked for was a project in the \$5 - \$6 million dollar range; West Reserve is \$4.9 million. Krueger reviewed MDOT traffic counts, which he stated are higher for West Reserve, 3,950 than Whitefish Stage at 2,240, and projected future traffic counts are higher on West Reserve than on Whitefish Stage he noted. He said Commissioner Scott is correct in that there is an alternate route to Whitefish Stage; Highway 2 or Highway 93, which are four lane roads. In addition to that, I believe Whitefish Stage finishes off the Whitefish Stage section, and the last section that is not finished off then would be between where the loop ends, and that will be taken care of in the bypass; this is a connector to the bypass. I also believe what we need to ask for in this deal is that the bike paths be completed going to the school and to the round-about, and the bike path that is over at the West Valley School. He said he received 35 e-mails in support of it from the community and school; they are in favor of it. Krueger noted his other consideration was the North Fork Road, as it would save the county money; however, the need here is clearly greater by what was presented by MDOT.



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Chairman Holmquist said she also looked at the costs and parameters of what they were told by MDOT, and reviewed growth rate estimates that showed West Reserve was 3.4 percent, Whitefish Stage was 1.8 percent, and Hwy. 206 was 1.8 percent. She said we need to do something where the people are going with there being safety issues along that road with kids traveling to school. Holmquist stated she too supported West Reserve.

Commissioner Krueger asked that they also request that the state include the bike path portion. He explained he spoke to MDOT regarding including the bike path portion, which would be approximately \$250,000 per mile.

Prunty asked for clarification as to where the bike path is; from the roundabout out to Farm to Market Krueger noted.

Chairman Holmquist said we would need a second on the revision to the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Scott said his discussion to the revision with regard to the bike paths. Whatever undertakings we take, and I note this as a matter of record for Flathead County on any of our roads as Commissioner Krueger pointed out rightfully should include a bike path and pedestrian walkways; as that is a danger in our community both on West Reserve, Farm to Market, Whitefish Stage and all our collectors and arterials.

Prunty stated he would inquire with MDOT, as he doesn't understand how their money works when it comes to the secondary roads program, if bike paths can be part of that. He said he would inform them if the commission requests.

Commissioner Krueger said he called Mr. Stack with MDOT who told him to ask for it.

Chairman Holmquist called for a vote on the amended amendment. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Holmquist called for a vote on the original **motion** with the amendment included.

Commissioner Scott noted the traffic counts are based on actuatarie tables and exponential increases in growth in areas from the 2006 to the 2010 growth period, which was 3 ½ times our current projected rate for the next 10 years; so that particular point is not based on current numbers. Again, he stated that Whitefish Stage Road currently has a greater population and deserves consideration.

Chairman Holmquist called for a **motion** with the amendment included. **Aye** - Holmquist and Krueger. **Opposed** – Scott. Motion carried by quorum.

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ VICKI SAXBY, I.T.**

10:21:42 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, I. T. Director Vicki Saxby, Clerk Kile

Saxby met with the commission and reviewed the following monthly report.

- **General**
  - CIP Planning – we are spending a lot of time reviewing and updating our CIP plan. Technology changes quickly which means that we need to revise our plans to adapt to the changing landscape.
    - Two of these changes are coming together to convince us that we need to start moving ahead with a network infrastructure upgrade –VOIP ( Voice Over IP) and VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure).
    - Another big addition to the CIP is a replacement PDU/UPS, which will be a redundant system for our existing PDU/UPS.
  - Year-end statistics – Review of projects / calls as a comparison to prior years
    - Tech Support Calls – up 6% over last year; up 63% past four years
    - Web Visitors – up 13%
    - Net gain of 74 user accounts
    - Support calls by department – Health@28%; Sheriff @16%; Clerk and Recorder and Treasurers @ 7-8%
- **Network and Tech Projects**
  - IT - CERF – Getting farther and farther behind on these deployments
  - IT - Anti-virus – Major update to AV software; needed to update all desktops and uninstall/reinstall on all 60+ servers
  - IT – Converted a major physical SQL server to a virtual server, and moved the associated applications
  - IT – Continuing to reconfigure our onsite and offsite backups to better utilize disk space and to provide better redundancy
  - IT – Reviewing / demoing patch management software – allows us to update non-Windows software without having to physically touch each system
  - IT – Folder security audits – reviewing folder security on all servers
  - IT – Web server running a Clerk and Recorder application (IDoc) failed, and was rebuilt
  - IT - Hardware Audit – Audited computer assets in each department to make sure our new asset tracking system is as accurate as it can be.
  - IT – Recycled a pallet of old desktop systems with new vendor – received \$1200.
  - Phones – replaced displays on all phones to assure that these are replaced under a warranty that ended in December
  - Training - Our techs have prepared a 10-minute training on email phishing and how not to be caught. They will be doing these trainings during each department's staff meetings in February and March.
  - Multiple Departments - MCA 2012 – Installed on about 100 systems
  - AOA – Kitchen computer running old DOS software died - replaced it with one of our older systems and retrieved their software from the old hard drive to put them back where they were when it died.
  - Clerk of Court – State purchased 17 new monitors which we installed
  - County Attorney – Moved 3 people to new locations
  - Eagle Transit – New system setup for driver simulation software
  - Eagle Transit – New modules added to bus routing software; required installation of new SQL server software version
  - Election – Moved cameras from fairgrounds back to the Courthouse
  - Environmental Health – New Sharpdesk software installed

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- FCHC – Connected our datacenter to KRMC to allow for sharing of Eclinical data between the two locations. Took hundreds of hours of Tech time, much of it trying to coordinate with the KRMC, the State for firewall changes and the Eclinical techs
- FCHC – New ATM kiosk – needed to hook into the Internet
- Finance – Two Tyler Eden Payroll software updates; first one caused problems with Windows 7 computers
- Finance – Two Tyler Visions Financial software updates
- Home Health – Install new version of SQL Server and new version of AllScripts software
- Maintenance – Worked with vendor to run all building fire alarms through our network to save phone costs.
- Sheriff – Bringing the Northwest Drug Task Force onto our network; build and install a server; install switches / T1 lines; transfer data; train users
- Sheriff – Remodeled squad room which required temporarily relocating computers and then replacing them
- TR – Installed a new multi-user version of Quickbooks
- **Programmer / Database Administration Projects**
  - Database Administration
    - Installed SQL Server on two IT Infrastructure servers
    - Installed SQL Server on Home Health server
    - Installed SQL Server on Eagle Transit server
  - Treasurer / Taxes
    - Many special research and report requests by the Treasurers and the Cities
    - Mobile Home letters completed
  - Sheriff's Office –
    - Shut down the Jade CJIS Records Management system; Extracted data and converted to new Records Management system - FCCJN
    - Created PDFs of the entire criminal history from the CJIS system and linked to the new FCCJN system
    - Created new application to extract name information from FCCJN Master Names and push to the in-house and car JadeAires systems to keep them in sync with the Master names.
    - Added new modules to FCCJN to track Citations and Concealed Weapons Permits
    - Modified application to extract both active and inactive warrants from the New World system and load into FCCJN
    - Final changes to JadeAires to accommodate new NIBRs fields; modify the NIBRs extract application to send new data to the State
  - Web Projects
    - OES – additional requests for changes to the new OES website – ready to go live
    - Clerk and Recorder – New application to allow surveyors, title companies and others to access our County archives through a web portal (Road files, Plat Books, Reception Books, etc.)
    - Fairgrounds – updates to the fair website in preparation for the 2013 fair
    - Library – created a new Incident reporting system for the Library to help them track people that are causing problems at each of the branches of the library. This will allow them to follow the repeat offenders and keep them out of the libraries.
    - Sheriff – Updating the Sheriff's website to make it easier to maintain

**MEETING W/ ZACK LAHN, CONGRESSMAN STEVE DAINE'S OFFICE**

10:33:35 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Ardis Larsen, Zack Lahn, Clerk Kile

Zack Lahn met with the commission and general discussion was held relative to funding of grants, PILT monies, Secure Rural Schools and evolving drafts of the Salish Kootenai Tribe Water Compact legislation.

**11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office**  
**1:30 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting @ OES**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 7, 2013.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

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

**8:30 a.m. Commissioner Krueger: TAB meeting @ Eagle Transit**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on February 8, 2013.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairman Holmquist, Commissioner Scott and Krueger, 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 February 11, 2013.

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