

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611(2) (b).

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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.

Doug Gilbertson said in his opinion the best fit for the proposed AOA building for seniors would be at the fairgrounds. He said many seniors use Eagle Transit for their transportation and an unrestricted access would be necessary in order to deliver the clientele. Gilbertson thanked the commission for the recent needed/necessary improvements made at the AOA facility.

Janet Monk said she came today to see what progress is actually happening with the AOA facility. She explained all she knows is what she reads in the newspaper.

Chairman Holmquist reviewed the process with Ms. Monk of what needs to happen before any decisions are made. She explained the county will go before the City of Kalispell in May with a CDBG application, and they are waiting on a preliminary architectural report that is expected to be delivered today. The PAR report will give them a better idea of where and what size the facility will be in order to know what the dollar amount is.

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

MONTHLY MEETING W/ LISA SHEPPARD, AOA

9:00:35 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, AOA Director Lisa Sheppard, Doug Gilbertson, Pat Gilbertson, Chuck Wilhoit, Clerk Kile

Sheppard reviewed the following monthly report with the commission.

AOA Administration

Budget

- Staff has been working closely with Finance to develop the proposed FY 2014 budget and CIP and revise proposed amendments to the FY 2013 budget based on a crosswalk with the DPHHS contract and an analysis of receipts and expenditures to date.
- Further revisions to the FY 2013 budget may be necessary to address an anticipated 4.79% cut in federal FY 2013 funds. AOA's current state contract includes both federal FY 2012 funds (which will not be cut) and FY 2013 funds.
- The proposed FY 2014 budget includes a potential 8.2% cut in federal FY 2014 funding as a result of the sequester. DPHHS has advised that state funding levels will remain the same or possibly increase.
- It appears that AOA has sufficient funds to absorb the potential cuts in both FY 2013 and FY 2014 without reducing services at this time. The negative impact will be further mitigated if state funding is increased.

Legislative Issues

- The Montana state legislature appears to be moving forward in its consideration of adding aging services to the base budget (as opposed to the One-Time-Only status it has had for many years), providing additional funding of \$500,000 per year over the biennium and allowing for a provider rate increase.
- Lisa will attend the quarterly M4A meeting in Helena next week (4/24-25), which will include a session with Richard Oppenheimer the new DPHHS Director.

Building

- CDBG
 - The Kalispell City Council public hearing was postponed from 4/1/13 to 5/6/13 to allow additional time for the completion of the Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) and other grant requirements.
 - The County Commissioners will discuss the PAR on 4/18/2013.
- Public Input
 - Focus Groups
 - As part of the overall AOA strategic planning process and gaining public input for the CDBG application, focus groups have been held with various stakeholders, including Senior Center Boards and general membership, AOA Advisory Boards, other service professionals, volunteers, those who receive AOA services and interested members of the community-at-large. The proposed building is one of the topics covered. All sessions were recorded for transcription. An RSVP volunteer will transcribe the sessions beginning this week.
 - Twelve focus groups have been held to date. No additional groups are scheduled at this time.
 - Open Forum – A "town hall" forum was held at AOA on 3/21/13.
 - Support Letters – We are in the process of gathering support letters to submit with the CDBG grant application
- Kelly Road
 - **Thank you to the Commissioners** for approving the following modifications, which have been completed or are in process of being completed to address safety concerns:
 - Additional office space in the front of the building to eliminate the use of the offices in the food storage area for serving individuals seeking I&R assistance; the offices that will no longer be in use for staff will serve as storage for commodities as they have portable air-conditioners that will prevent potential damage and spoilage from excessive heat.
 - Sealing the area that causes frequent flooding in the food storage area
 - Re-sealing the concrete floors in the kitchen and dining areas
 - Rewiring to eliminate the use of electrical cords across the floors to power the serving line.

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Advisory Council

- The next AOA Advisory Council and Finance Committee meetings will be held on 4/18/2013.
- The By-law Review Committee met on 3/18/13 to discuss possible revisions to increase clarity, eliminate contradictory language, ensure the inclusion of Older Americans Act requirements and consider options for streamlining and enhancing Council and Committee functions. The Committee agreed that suggested changes will be submitted to the County Attorney's office for review to make sure they are allowable prior to review and discussion by the full Council.

Strategic Planning

- The strategic planning process, which will provide the foundation for and complement the development of future programming as well as the building proposal, continues with various stakeholders throughout the County.

Outreach/Education/Media - Increased outreach is a goal in our Area Plan on Aging (Oct. 2011- Sept. 2015)

- The Daily Interlake advertised the Open Forum on 3/19/13 and published an article on the Forum on 3/22/13.
- Dave Polansky, Eagle Transit Manager, presented at the Kalispell Senior Center general meeting on 3/28/13.
- Peggy Colby, I&R staff, participated on a panel at the Veterans Service Providers event on 3/29/13.
- Lisa Sheppard gives weekly brief presentations about AOA events and services every Wednesday morning at BNI.
- Lisa presented to the Kalispell Kiwanis on 4/4/13.
- Upcoming:
 - On 4/20/13 RSVP staff will participate in the annual United Way Share Fair at Center Mall.
 - Lisa is scheduled to speak to the Noon Rotary on 5/2/13.

Eagle Transit

- March 2013 ridership was 8,240 compared with 8,143 in March 2012. FY13 ridership to date is 70,959 up 2.1% from last year's total of 69,466. Annual target is 78,750 or approximately 6,562 rides per month. The average for this fiscal year through February 2013 is 7,884 rides per month. We are on track to total more than 90,000 rides this fiscal year.
- AOA/Eagle Transit staff and several members of the Eagle Transit Advisory Board met with LSC Transportation Consultants to discuss steps in developing the new Five Year Transit Development Plan and to provide data and background material.
- The Eagle Transit Advisory Board met on 4/11/13. Chandler Communications presented a proposal for public service announcements on the inside of the buses. LSC Transportation Consultants presented the components of and timeline for completing the five year plan.

Nutrition

- Total meals served in March were 6,666. Congregate meals totaled 3,304 and home delivered meals totaled 3,362. There were 17 new home-delivered customers for a yearly total of 292 and 43 new congregate customers for a yearly total of 906. Total meals served this fiscal year as of 3/31/13 were 56,657. Average meals served per month to date is 6,295, which is slightly under the FY 2012 average of 6,370 meals per month. Our target for FY 2013 is 77,250 (monthly average 6,437).
- A new "Bring a Friend" initiative is underway in partnership with Senior Centers to support efforts to increase the number of congregate customers.
- The annual Older Americans Day Picnic, celebrating the importance and value of Flathead seniors, is scheduled for Friday June 21, 2013 at the Fairgrounds. Thank you to Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell for his continued support of this effort. **We would love to have Commissioners join us in serving seniors that day.**

I & R

- March 2013 Independent Living statistics include:
 - 247 hours of homemaker services (2,580 through 3/31/13, an average of 286 per month); our annual target is 3,675 or an average of 306 hours per month
- Total number of homemaker clients through 3/31/13: 145
 - 158 hours of escort/errand services (1,400 through 3/31/13, an average of 155 per month); there is no workload indicator for this service in the FY 2013 budget
- Total number of escort/errand clients through 3/31/13: 56
 - 241 hours of respite (2131 through 3/31/13, an average of 236 per month); our annual target is 3,500, which averages 292 hours per month.
- Total number of respite clients through 3/31/13: 65
- From February:
 - 13 new legal clients
 - 1,598 calls/walk-in assistance; our annual target is 11,220 units of service, an average of 935 per month
 - 36 telephone reassurance calls
 - 19 Ombudsman visits
 - 16 SHIP contacts
 - 134 home visits to at risk clients
- We are experiencing an increased demand for escort/errand services and are placing people from the waiting list onto services. Priority is given to those on dialysis or chemotherapy.
- Staff has developed a new risk assessment protocol to better identify, serve and track clients at risk for institutionalization.
 - A preliminary sample of clients using the new system showed 70% of those receiving AOA IL services are at a high risk of institutionalization, 48% experience the highest degree of risk in at least one category and 27% show the highest degree of risk in multiple categories.
 - Nursing facility care (the majority of which is tax-payer funded) costs \$70,000 per year compared to an average cost of less than \$1000 per year per person for AOA services.
- IT continues to work with AOA to retire the outdated data collection system and ancient server, and is in the process of helping us get set up to post program information and statistics on the Web site. **Thanks IT!**

RSVP

- In 2012, fourteen volunteers served 870 hours valued at \$13,293 at the following County Departments: Health, Animal Shelter, Finance, HR and the Justice Court.
- The All Schools Cribbage Tournament on 3/27/13 was a great success! Thank you to all of the students, parents, RSVP coaches and other volunteers, as well as the businesses who donated all of the food, for making it such a great experience for everyone involved.
- The RSVP Advisory Board met on 3/28/13 and participated in a focus group.
- The annual Volunteer Recognition banquet will be held at the end of May at Northridge Lutheran Church. The theme is "40 Years of Making a Difference" in honor of RSVP's 40th anniversary in the Flathead. **We'd love to have Commissioners attend and speak at the opening.**

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Senior Mobile Home Repair

- The Advisory meeting was held 4/9/13.
- Five projects have been completed; five are in progress (including two previously completed projects that needed additional work).
- New donations were received totaling \$100.
- Grant awards/requests:
 - Awarded a \$5000 grant from the Washington Foundation
 - Soroptimist Award through the Kalispell Foundation for \$500
 - Request for \$2000 from BNSF, should learn if awarded shortly.

Senior Centers - A primary AOA focus is outreach to area Senior Centers to build relationships, extend support, and explore new opportunities for partnership.

- Focus groups have been held with all Center Boards and general membership at each Center.
- On 4/5/13, we facilitated a meeting for representatives from all Centers and David Mirisch, fundraising consultant from Missoula, to discuss joint fundraising options.
- Center Board presidents will have their quarterly meeting on 5/6/13 in Columbia Falls to share ideas and discuss items of mutual interest.
- The Whitefish Community Center newsletter now includes information on AOA services and how to access them.
- Kalispell Senior Center has evicted their renter for non-payment of rent and is in the process of determining the feasibility of repairing and re-renting the unit.

Thanks to Jed Fischer for arranging to rid the Bigfork Senior of spotted knapweed.

Story: Partnering to keep seniors warm in the winter and cool in the summer

Local HVAC company, AirWorks, is a life saver when it comes to helping low income seniors. Older seniors often experience adverse health consequences from temperatures that are too cold or too hot. To ensure seniors stay warm in the winter, we refer seniors to AirWorks Safe Heat for Seniors Program in which they perform free furnace inspections for seniors during the slower summer months to make sure they are in good working order. To keep them cool in the summer, AirWorks has 10 portable air conditioner units, some of which were purchased by AOA and some by AirWorks, that they will install for free for seniors who cannot otherwise afford them. When summer is over, they remove the A/Cs, service them and store them until the next year. We've begun to get calls for this service as the temperatures warm up and have already referred five seniors so far.

AirWorks owners Bill and Diane Yarus are long-time supporters of the seniors in the Flathead Valley and Diane serves on the AOA Senior Mobile Home Repair Board. **Thanks Bill and Diane for helping to keep the senior community healthy!**

MONTHLY MEETING W/ MARK CAMPBELL, FAIRGROUNDS

9:15:55 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Fairgrounds Director Mark Campbell, Clerk Kile

Campbell reviewed the following monthly report with the commission.

Current Projects

- Repairing grounds from winter use. Includes restarting all water sources, rut repair, leveling of surfaces, and cleaning throughout.
- Remodeling of pari-mutuel office into Entry Office that will handle competitive exhibit processing. IT has coordinated cabling for computers with balance of work done by maintenance staff.
- Event activity has remained constant with more inquiries for new events being received each week.

NW Montana Fair & Rodeo

- Fair Book has been submitted to printer. It includes the livestock inspection program upon arrival.
- Fair poster has been completed. Publicity of Fair and Grandstand events begins April 26th with tickets on sale May 2nd.
- Carnival meeting is set for April 18th to finalize agreement and confirm pricing/layout.
- RFP for beer and wine sales has been prepared and released. Evaluation of responses is scheduled to begin May 2nd. Focus is quality of operations to ensure safety and compatibility.
- Reviewing and adjusting staffing plans for all fair related positions. Minimum wage increase of 2% taken into consideration.

Fairgrounds

- Facility master planning process has been slow due to fair preparations.
- Concert event being coordinated for May has been cancelled. Artist declined offer and was seeking more payment than budget could support.
- Horses on-site for race training.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Kalispell Police Benefit Concert (Wylie and the Wild West) – April 12th
- Paper Drive – April 13th
- Cross Town Smoker Boxing – April 18th
- Alert Banquet – April 27th
- Artist and Craftsmen of the Flathead – April 27-28th
- Gold Prospectors Show – April 27-28th
- Lincoln Reagan Dinner – May 2nd
- Crime Stoppers Concert – May 4th
- School Elections – May 7th
- 4H Horse Camp – May 10-11th
- NRA Banquet – May 10th
- FVCC Graduations – May 17th

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DISCUSSION RE: HIGHWAY 93 SOUTH CORRIDOR PLAN/ WHITEFISH

9:30:03 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Eric Mulcahy, Rick Blake, Ardis Larsen, Clerk Kile

Chairman Holmquist noted the commission recently received a letter from the City of Whitefish in regards to a corridor plan study. She asked her fellow commissioners if they had any comments.

Commissioner Scott replied no, he did not and Commissioner Krueger said I don't see how we can enter into anything right now.

Chairman Holmquist said it is important to have it on the record that they did receive the letter, and said it would be appropriate for our legal council to send them a letter stating the county is not interested. The commission unanimously agreed to send a response letter to the City of Whitefish.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) APPLICATION/ OES

9:45:08 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy OES Director Cindy Mullaney, Clerk Kile

Mullaney stated the notice of intent is their annual performance grant that tells the state office they will be submitting a grant application.

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the Notice of Intent/ EMPG grant application. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE STATE SPECIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR TO ACT ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT THEFT

9:47:00 AM & 10:02:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, County Attorney Office Administrator Vicki Eggum, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to table. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

Eggum explained the document is a standard resolution for the attorney general to pursue a legal matter in Flathead County.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to authorize state special deputy prosecutor to act on the unemployment insurance benefit theft. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION: REPLICIA OF A THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN/ SHERIFF'S OFFICE

9:50:35 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Undersheriff Dave Leib, Clerk Kile

Leib noted a replica of a 72 year old sub-machine gun was donated to the Sheriff's Office for whatever they could use it for or to sell it.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to accept the donation. Commissioner Scott **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY/ SHERIFF'S OFFICE

9:52:35 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Undersheriff Dave Leib, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Scott made a **motion** to approve the document for signature/ surplus property for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Krueger **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Holmquist, Scott and Krueger. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING W/ CSKT COUNCIL RE: WATER RIGHTS COMPACT

10:00:00 AM

Present: Chairman Pamela J. Holmquist, Commissioner Calvin L. Scott, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Clerk Kile

This meeting was cancelled by CSKT.

Commissioner Krueger said he was disappointed the meeting was cancelled. He suggested a letter be sent to CSKT to ask them to reschedule in order to have dialogue with them; not that they would be able to solve anything, but that it is important to have that dialogue.

The commission unanimously agreed.

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7:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: River Commission meeting

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 16, 2013.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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.

10:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: Flood Level Workshop Group meeting @ OES

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 17, 2013.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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.

11:00 a.m. County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office
12:00 p.m. Commissioner Scott: DUI Task Force meeting @ Earl Bennett Bldg.

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

Commissioner Scott PT led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Scott PT opened public comment on matters within the Commissions' Jurisdiction.

r.b. said he just brought up the official book of bonds from downstairs. He commended Commissioner Scott for correcting his oath of office. He then presented a copy of an e-mail from Paula Robinson that pertained to a response from MACo regarding correcting an oath of office. He said there are 16 new oaths recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's Office that are fraudulent and should not have been filed in the county. He explained Sheriff Chuck Curry corrected his oath of office when he was approached about it. r.b. presented a transcript generated from March of 2012 where Commissioner Dupont said we don't do grand juries in Flathead County, and where Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina said all the oath of offices are correct. He said if you do not have a proper oath of office, the office is vacant. r.b. further explained he was not here to destroy the law but to fulfill it. He said the county is required by law every March and September to review the official book of bonds. He stated the blanket bond covers all the employees and elected and appointed officials have to post a bond, which is part of the law; this bond binds you to the constitution. He said I am here to help you and I want the people of the State of Montana protected. The reason Sheriff Chuck Curry corrected his oath he said is because he had two murders in a cell block and a murder was released because somebody's oath wasn't any good. Unless oaths are proper a criminal could come here, murder your wife or my wife, and walk away, and I do not want that to happen on my watch.

Elizabeth Colucci said she had no idea what the problems were at the AOA building, so went to see for herself. She stated her and a couple friends last week went to the barn and had lunch. Colucci said she was appalled at the conditions there, which are terrible. She suggested a new and bigger building be built in a safe place on acreage already owned by the county that does not look like it came from the 1920's or 1930's. She said make it new looking like this building is.

Dawn Schnur, 145 Greenbriar thanked the commission for their hard work in listening and studying AOA issues. She stated she is a pastor that works with the elderly citizens in her church, with hospice and as a volunteer at the hospital, therefore, has a lot of contact with the elderly. Schnur said she is very much for a new facility north of the fairgrounds. She explained she has looked at the grounds south as well that is being considered. She asked that they very seriously consider the needs for the future and stated AOA needs to all be in one facility; right now, all the entities are spread out and it is pathetic to watch what they are trying to get done.

Roxy Larsen, site manager at Columbia Falls Senior Center said she came to hopefully help sway their minds, and to ask them to think about the elderly; your parents/ grandparents, because they are all going to be needing the program at some point as well as you are. She stated they need to have adequate space, and a safe place for employees to work in which they presently do not have. Larsen said the population is telling us that the program is only going to continue to grow and we need to think about the elderly that have worked hard all their lives, and that are now having a lot taken from them. The Meals on Wheels program is an excellent program she said to not only bring seniors a hot meal, but to also serve as a check up to see if they are okay. Larsen stated I cannot express it enough, that someday you are going to be in that position and hopefully the program will still be around for you and have room to expand.

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John Alton, 1005 Montford Road said the staff at AOA does an excellent job. He commended the volunteers that work there. He asked if anyone could explain to him what a CDBG grant is.

Commissioner Scott explained that would be discussed during the PAR review on the agenda later today.

No one else rising to speak, Commissioner Scott PT closed the public comment period.

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

[9:01:17 AM](#)

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Weed, Parks & Maintenance Director Jed Fisher, Clerk Kile

Fisher met with the commission and explained a businessman in town who is active in putting up the Ten Commandments on many parcels in the valley is interested in the commission considering donating the monuments back to the private sector. He said they do not like where they have been placed recently, so he and his business partner are interested in doing a park like setting for the monuments somewhere to give them more attention than they get where they currently sit. He reviewed the type of setting he would like them moved to. In other business, he spoke about the need for additional recreational program facility space in the valley. He explained the county is in serious jeopardy of losing some of their recreational programs due to limited use of gym space. Fisher reviewed history of the current recreational program that pays for itself by those playing. He stated there are investors out there that are interested in investing in a sports facility much like Kids Sport. He said he is asking for commissioner endorsement in moving forward in establishing a sports committee, and talking to grant writer Debbie Pierson and getting a business plan in front of them.

Commissioner Krueger said he supported going forward and working towards developing some sort of a recreational facility through the county. He further said I am very conservative and the funding will have to be a conservative type of funding. He stated our taxpayers need to not realize a big debit because of this. Krueger said please move forward and work on what you can, and we will work on grants with you.

Fisher explained a warehouse he looked at in Spokane was built for under \$1.5 million and has six courts in it. He stated I am not looking for anything that big. He said he has \$300,000 available now, and if done right the facility should not affect taxpayers.

Commissioner Scott said one of the key factors to this is as Commissioner Krueger appropriately mentioned is the funding. He noted we have had projects come before us or put into the CIP with the hopes that there would be public funding coming along, and I would think for the commission, at least speaking for myself to entertain anything it needs to be nailed down. Scott said there is absolutely no question that part of our responsibility is to take care of our youth; to nurture and guide our youth as well as on the other side of the spectrum we have here today to take care of our older Americans who nurtured and guided our youth.

General discussion continued in regards to a facility.

MEETING W/ DEBBIE PIERSON, GRANT WRITER RE: PAR REVIEW/ AOA

[9:30:16 AM](#)

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, AOA Director Lisa Sheppard, H. R. Director Tammy Skramovsky, Clerk & Recorder Paula Robinson, Ken Huff, Paul Holmquist, Jim Pearson, Beverly Sorensen, Marvel Lucas, Roxy Larsen, Larry Snyder, John Alton, Kathy Morris, Eloise Mycroft, Allan Clark, Elizabeth Colucci, Judy Vannice, Phil Bolstad, Mae Osborne, Jorene Williams, Dawn Schnur, Frank Shelt, Ardis Larsen, Nadine Eckert, Nancy Christensen, Nola Rice, Clerk Kile

Pierson reported the Preliminary Architectural Report submitted by Architects Design Group recommended the preferred site for the AOA building as the north fairgrounds, with an estimated budget of \$2,285,000. She explained the grant application is due May 17 and the public hearing scheduled with the Kalispell City Council is May 6 for them to hear from the public about why the facility is needed, their interests, their concerns, and the impacts they feel the project will have on them. She noted the city would make a formal decision regarding the application at that time. The sites as they are recommended in the PAR is how we should proceed forward with the grant application she explained, if we want to get the highest scoring for our application.

General discussion was held relative to the timeline for award of the grant, final design plans, construction dates, proposed funding, possible site changes, in which Pierson noted moving away from what the PAR recommends could weaken our application.

Commissioner Krueger expressed concerns as to hearing differing versions regarding choosing a site, and his frustration in getting feedback regarding him not being on board with building a new AOA facility. He said as a commissioner it is his duty to serve every person in the county, and to operate the county budget at the very best of his ability. Krueger stated he supported the new AOA facility at the south end of the county campus, and said he is disappointed that services provided by the Health Department were not looked at in the PAR. He spoke about parking issues at the south end of the campus that he noted could be remedied, off campus maintenance concerns if the facility is built at the fairgrounds, his disappointment that the facility came in over \$2 million and concerns regarding funding the facility.

Pierson said it is difficult to write a grant requesting funding for a project that you are communicating to me is far away from being ready to go. She noted the PAR was written based on scoring criteria that we provided to them that we all met together on to have the document scored on. Pierson explained as far as the grant is concerned if we are to move forward and want the strongest most competitive application possible, then we need to pay attention to the document that we had written.

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Commissioner Scott said to not proceed with the grant would be irresponsible on our part, as it is a huge part of the cost of the project that is desperately needed. He stated I believe we need to proceed with the strongest form of a grant that we can that will succeed as the report speaks for itself. He explained the questions that have been raised would continue to delay and curtail the project, which would be irresponsible. Scott stated as far as the funding goes, if the county and citizens of the county want to proceed with the project, they would find a way to do so.

Pierson explained it is important that individuals attend the public hearing on May 6 with the City of Kalispell to voice their support and concerns. She said as far as the PAR and the grant that she is looking to the commission for direction.

Commissioner Krueger said I gave you my direction, and my direction is there are a lot more concerns than just where the facility will go. He reviewed his concerns again, and said right now that he supports the south campus.

Pierson explained she had no preference one way or the other that she is representing the commission and the grant application. She said we did this PAR for a reason and asked now what do we do with it.

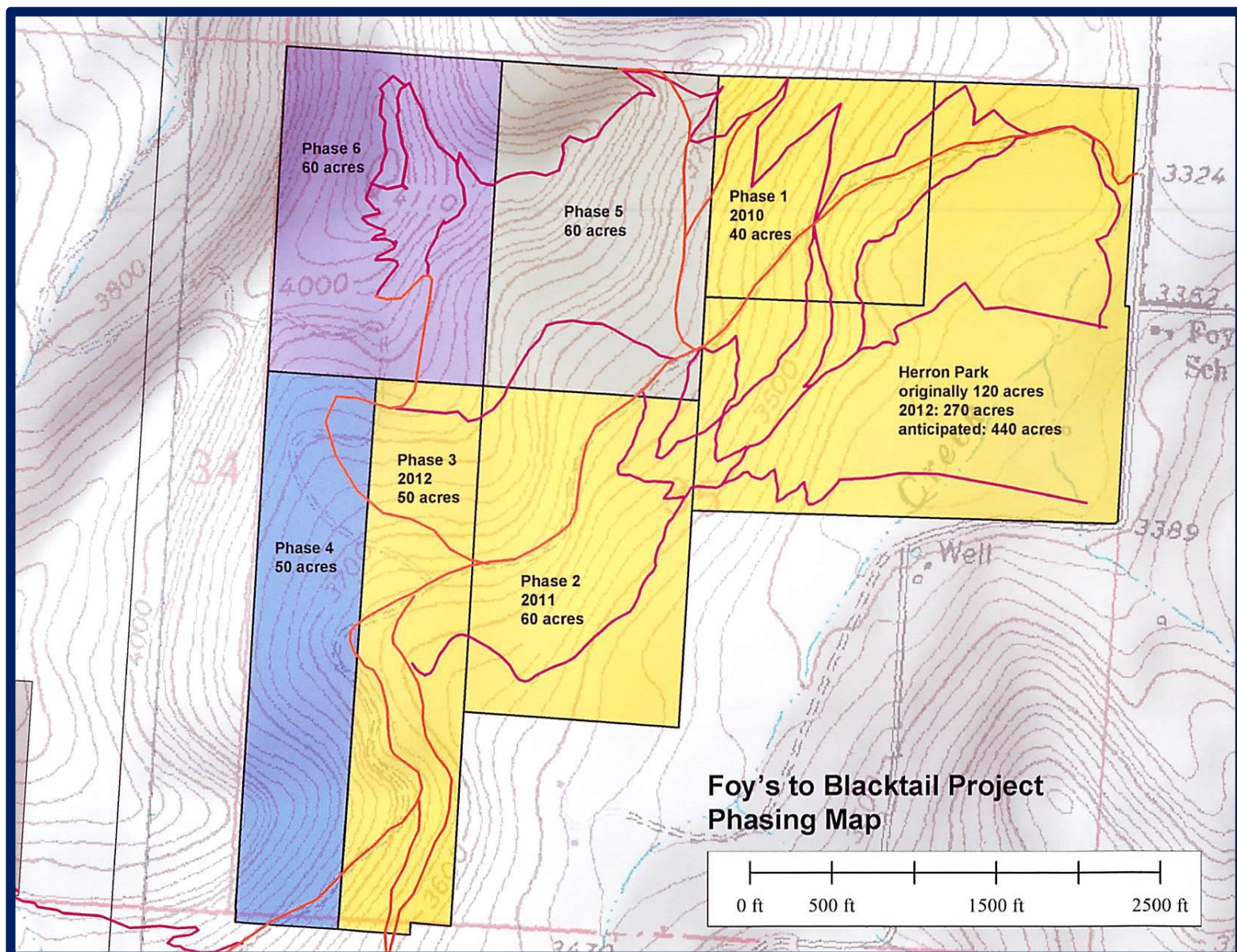
Commissioner Scott said for guidance that a decision could not be made today. He stated he is in favor of the location at the fairgrounds that he said from past experience can be supported. Scott said the concerns that have been raised can judiciously be reviewed and explained to those who don't understand the rational and reasoning for being at the fairgrounds.

MEETING W/ TOM ESCH RE: FOY'S TO BLACKTAIL COMMUNITY FOREST GRANT DOCUMENTS

[10:01:28 AM](#)

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Paul Nicol, Deputy County Attorney Caitlin Overland, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Weed, Parks & Maintenance Director Jed Fisher, Tom Esch, Jim Watson, Carol Bibler, Marilyn Wood, Clifford Kipp, Kelly O'Brien, Liz Makeman, Clerk Kile

Esch briefed the commission regarding history of the expansion of Herron Park and building a trail up to Blacktail Mountain. He noted Herron Park was originally 120 acres and adjacent to it was 320 acres that was in private ownership having come from Plum Creek. The conservation fund purchased the land to be a bridge, so that Foy's to Blacktail over a period of time, and in phases could be acquired which has been done.

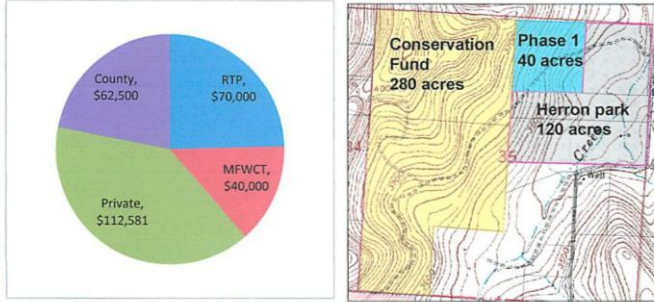


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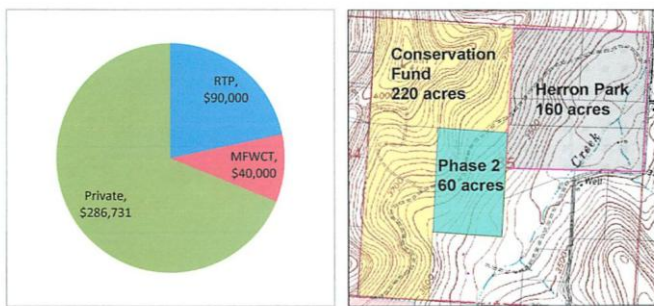
**Foy's to Blacktail Trails at Herron Park
Land Acquisition Funding as of 4/18/2013**

RTP: Montana State Parks Recreational Trails Program
 MFWCT: Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust, aka Canyon Ferry Trust
 USFS CFP: US Forest Service Community Forest Program

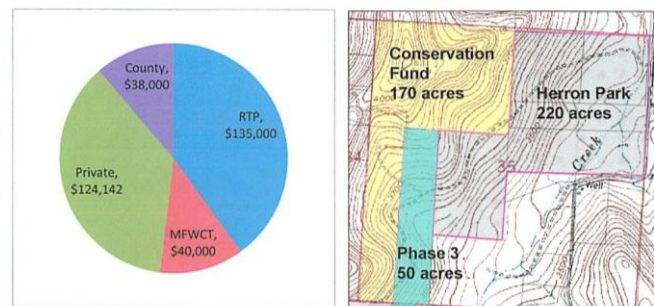
Phase 1 in 2010, 40 acres, \$285,081.



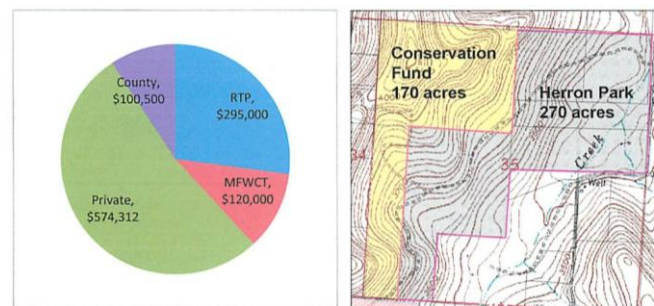
Phase 2 in 2011, 60 acres, \$416,731.



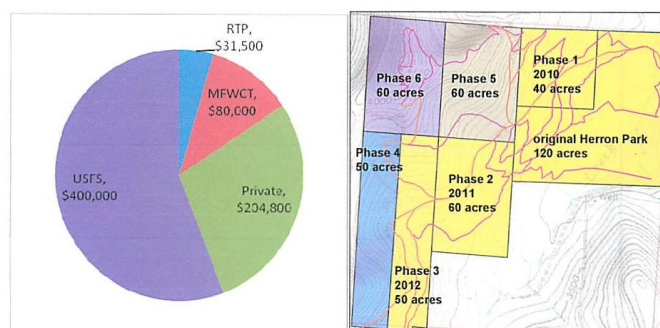
Phase 3 in 2012, 50 acres, \$337,142



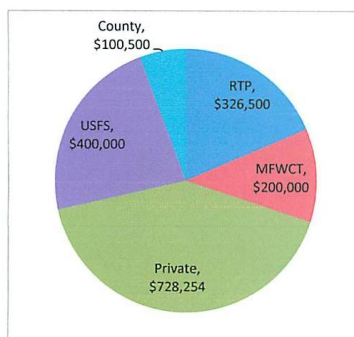
Total investment through 2012: \$1,038,954 (150 acres)



Phases 4 & 5 in 2013, 110 acres, \$716,300 (projected)



Cumulative investment through Phase 5; \$1,755,254 (projected)



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AUTHORIZE MIKE PENCE AS SIGNATORY: FOY'S TO BLACKTAIL COMMUNITY FOREST GRANT DOCUMENTS

10:15:40 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to authorize Mike Pence to be the signatory for grant documents. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Scott and Krueger. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT EXTENSION: ROCKMAN, FLP 12-09

10:19:24 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Eric Mack, Clerk Kile

Mack reported the commission on April 16, 2012 approved FLP 12-09, which was set to expire on April 16, 2013. On April 5, 2013, the applicant requested a one-year extension.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve a one-year extension for lakeshore permit FLP 12-09. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Scott and Krueger. Motion carried by quorum.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT AMENDMENT: ROCKMAN, FLP 12-09

10:21:11 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Eric Mack, Clerk Kile

Mack reported the original permit called for two stone retaining walls and the new proposed amendment is to use concrete panels instead.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the permit amendment to FLP 12-09. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Scott and Krueger. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT W/ A PLUS HEALTH CARE, AOA

10:23:11 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the service provider agreement with A Plus Health Care. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Scott and Krueger. Motion carried by quorum.

DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: MDOT CONTRACT #106799 AMENDMENT NO. 1 / AOA

10:27:05 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Clerk Kile

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve signature of MDOT Contract #106799, Amendment No. 1. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye** - Scott and Krueger. Motion carried by quorum.

- 12:00 p.m. Library Board trustee of the Year Award Luncheon, Missoula
- 12:00 p.m. Committee for a Better Bigfork meeting @ Methodist Church, Bigfork
- 1:00 p.m. Health Board meeting @ Earl Bennett Bldg.
- 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Krueger: AOA Finance Committee meeting @ The Summit
- 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Krueger: AOA Board meeting @ The Summit
- 6:30 p.m. Fair Board meeting @ Fair Office

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 19, 2013.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 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.

- 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Scott: CDC & Mental Health Council meetings/ Missoula

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on April 22, 2013.
