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## MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

### Audiofile

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairperson 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, no one present to speak, Commissioner Scott PT closed the public comment period.**

### BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ JOE RUSSELL, HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### 9:00:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Health Department Director Joe Russell, Deputy Health Officer Hillary Hanson, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Russell reported the Health Department finances are in good shape with cash balances in most of their programs; spoke about their work towards an accreditation process for Flathead County; reported they have initiated new regulations with their septic system standards and will hold a public hearing regarding the changes; spoke about the residency program that is scheduled to start the first of July; reported the Health Centers Executive Director recently resigned; spoke about mosquito control; reported the flu season this year was very mild.

In other business, discussion was held relative to the need for a new roof on the old portion of the Animal Shelter building.

### CONSIDERATION OF REJECTION OF BIDS: ANIMAL SHELTER ADDITION

#### 9:20:18 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Health Department Director Joe Russell, Deputy Health Officer Hillary Hanson, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Russell reported bids received for the animal shelter addition came in significantly higher than anticipated; therefore, concluded as a matter of record the bids need to be rejected.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to reject the animal shelter addition bids. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

### BI-MONTHLY MEETING W/ MINDY COCHRAN, GIS DEPARTMENT

#### 9:30:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, GIS Program Manager Mindy Cochran, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Cochran reviewed the following bi-monthly report with the commission.

#### ***Ongoing Data Maintenance & Projects since our last meeting***

- 22 COS's & 3 subdivision plats have been filed / drafted.
- Address Improvement Program
  - Addresses assigned per land owner request – 21
  - Addresses assigned via subdivision plat – 8
  - Addresses which were retired - 11
- We have worked 73 mobile home moving declarations

#### ***Map Orders & Special Projects since our last meeting***

- We have fulfilled requests for 24 maps, 23 ownership lists and 1 digital data orders since our last meeting.
- Requests for GIS services have come from a variety of entities including several surveying companies and engineering firms, Planning and Zoning, OES/911, Road & Bridge, the grant writer, I.T. and Smith Valley School
  - Plat Room –62 maps were printed for the plat room
- Addressing Workgroup Meeting - March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - Jason Singleton and I attended. We briefly discussed the different stances on which road to assign addresses off of. The county's stance is to assign addresses based on where the access comes from. Columbia Falls usually assigns addresses based off of where the front door faces, but that will likely not be an option for this property since the front door will probably face north (due to a row of hedges on the east and south), and the only named roads are to the east and the south. Vicki Saxby has asked about the potential for one policy for city/county, and so that will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
  - Jason brought up some confusion stemming from a 911 call along "South Nucleus" in Columbia Falls where roads signs said "South Nucleus," but there is no road named "South Nucleus" in the data and shouldn't be according to the city.
  - Next meeting is scheduled for June 5th, 2014
- Following our last meeting, I did discuss with my staff the importance of looking at long term addressing and any needed road names in an area before assigning a landowner requested address. Is there any more guidance in regard to the Addressing Resolution before we start our spring road naming projects?
- Ron is working on the fuel tax analysis for fuel tax reimbursement from the DOT. Nate has started 2014 Tax Audits. We ran the CFSA audit as we have in the past, which is not taxing leased lots / improvements on US Federal Government or State of Montana land. If there is a decision made to use the other resolution, we can re-run the audit so that Lincoln can tax those leased lots.
- Nate compiled some datasets for Jason at the 911 Center for the Pre-disaster mitigation plan.
- Nate is working with Bigfork Fire to map their fire hydrants and provide them with new map books of their district.

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**COS REVIEW: STAUNTON**

**9:45:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Planner Erik Mack, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Dawn Marquardt, Theresa Terrillion, Jeremy Terrillion, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack reported Marquardt Surveying submitted a letter of appeal on behalf of the property owner, Catherine Staunton who wants to use the family transfer exemption per MCA 76-3-207 (1)(b) in order to divide the existing 10 acre parcel on the west side of Scotch Pine Lane into the following:

Parcel A	5 acres to be retained by Catherine Staunton, owner
Parcel B	5 acres to be transferred to Theresa Terrillion, daughter

Dawn Marquardt representing the applicants summarized the request.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the family transfer. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**FINAL PLAT: CANYON VIEW SUBDIVISION**

**9:49:06 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Erik Mack, Dawn Marquardt, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack entered into record Final Plat FFP 14-02, Canyon View Subdivision; an application submitted by John and Sandra Inabnit with technical assistance from Marquardt Surveying for a subdivision creating two lots for residential and commercial use located at the intersection of Highway 2 and Pheasant Road. The Board of County Commissioners granted preliminary plat approval subject to 18 conditions on August 28, 2013.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve final plat of Canyon View Subdivision, FFP 14-02. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**COS REVIEW: SMITH**

**10:00:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Erik Mack, Dan Brien, Jaqueline Smith, Josh Nelson, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack reported Sands Surveying submitted a letter of appeal on behalf of the property owner Jaqueline Smith who wants to use the family transfer exemption per MCA 76-3-207 (1)(b) in order to divide the existing 7.050 acre parcel located at 590 Danielson Road into the following:

Tract 1	2 acres to be transferred to Victor Allen Smith, son
Tract 2	5.05 acres to be retained by Jaqueline Smith, owner

Jaqueline Smith stated she has lived on the property for 18 years and wants to transfer property to her son in order for him to build a home.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the COS. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT: ALBERTA, INC., FLP 14-10**

**10:15:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Erik Mack, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack entered into record Lakeshore Permit FLP 14-10; an application submitted by Alberta, Inc. to remove a diseased tree approximately five inches in diameter from the Lakeshore Protection Zone. The applicant also proposes to clear brush and remove rocks to restore and level the beach area at 261 Woodyard Road on Flathead Lake.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit FLP 14-10. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

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**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT EXTENSION: HUTZ, FLP 13-18**

**10:17:19 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Erik Mack, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack summarized the one year lakeshore extension request received from Susan and Eugene Hutz to install riprap at 1898 LaBrant Road on Echo Lake to stabilize the lakeshore. He noted if approved the permit would be extended to April 3, 2015.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit Extension FLP 13-18. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF LAKESHORE PERMIT EXTENSION: WELLNER, FLP 10-11**

**10:19:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Planner Erik Mack, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mack reported the original permit was issued to George Wellner on April 1, 2010 for a floating dock and shore station with a canopy. He noted the applicant previously received three extensions to the permit, and on March 14, 2014 another request for an additional extension was received.

General discussion was held relative to extending the permit to June 30, 2014, which would allow the applicant enough time to complete the work. After that time frame Commissioner Krueger pointed out the permit would need to be reviewed again.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve Lakeshore Permit Extension FLP 10-11 to June 30, 2014. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF CIP AMENDMENTS/ OES, FIRE SERVICE AREA & ASHLEY LAKE FIRE HALL**

**10:35:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Finance Director Sandy Carlson, OES Finance Technician Juanita Nelson, EMS Manager Mary Granger, Fire Services Area Manager Lincoln Chute, OES James Brower, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Nelson summarized the following CIP amendments.

OES – CIP Budget Amendment: Increase Project GF140221-004 (storage facility) from \$8,000 to \$10,000  
FSA – CIP Budget Amendment: Increase Project FS140201-008 (storage facility) from \$8,000 to \$10,000  
FSA – CIP Budget Amendment: Increase Project FS130201-001 (Ashley Lake Fire Hall) from \$160,000 to \$165,000

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the CIP amendment for OES - 004. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the CIP amendment for the Fire Service Area - 008. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the CIP amendment for Ashley Lake Fire Hall. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT/ EMS TRAINING**

**10:37:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Finance Director Sandy Carlson, OES Finance Technician Juanita Nelson, EMS Manager Mary Granger, Fire Services Area Manager Lincoln Chute, OES James Brower, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Mary Granger stated the budget amendment for \$16,000 is to allow 40 responders to go to an EMS Conference in Idaho.

**DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE: REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY/ WEED & PARKS DEPARTMENT, CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**10:38:00 AM**

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

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Scott PT read into record the surplus items from the Weed & Parks Department include a copier and conference table; Clerk & Recorder's Office is a vehicle that will be used as a trade-in; Information Technology Department has various miscellaneous items.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the surplus items for the Weed & Parks Department. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

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Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the surplus item for the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the surplus item list for the Information Technology Department. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: DPHHS CONTRACT #1402PROS0226**

**10:39:00 AM**

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

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the document for signature/ DPHHS Contract #1402PROS0226. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**AWARD BID: CHEMICALS/ WEED & PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**10:40:00 AM**

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

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Scott PT read into the record that the low bidder for 198 gallons of 2, 4-D was Alligare for \$2,385.90.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to accept the chemical bid from Alligare for \$2,385.90. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Scott PT read into the record that the low bidder for 12 quarts of Lontrel was Wilbur-Ellis Company for \$1,617.00.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to accept the chemical bid with Wilbur Ellis for \$1,617.00. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

Commissioner Scott PT read into the record that CPS Timberland Company was the low bidder for 400 gallons of Tordon at \$40.50/ gallons; 80 gallons of Transline for \$116.00/ gallon; 100 lbs. of Opensight at \$64.96/ lb.; 50 lbs. of Perspective at \$73.60/ lb.; 100 gallons of Milestone at \$299.73/ gallon for a total bid price of \$65,629.00.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to accept the chemical bid from CPS Timberland Company for a total bid price of \$65,629.00. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: NW DRUG TASK FORCE/ LOCAL DRUG TASK FORCE MOU FY14-15**

**10:45:00 AM**

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

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the document for signature. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**Commissioner Holmquist: MACRS Conference in Great Falls**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on March 25, 2014.

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**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014**

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

**12:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: MACRS Conference in Great Falls  
Commissioner Scott: FVCDC @ Three Rivers Bank**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on March 26, 2014.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014**

[Audiofile](#)

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

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

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Susan Storfa, 1373 Whitefish Stage stated she is a resident with a home sitting on the bluff overlooking Village Greens where the bluff in front of her home is slumping. She pointed out she along with others spent four years getting to the point they are today with a grant approved and bids posted and received and their money has been put in escrow. She said if you have any thoughts at all today in not going forward with this project, I would like to ask you one thing; "what would a responsible man do". The money is deposited and your job as I see it is to manage the grant money, and I understand any liability is passed onto the engineering company. In light of what has happened in Washington this past week with the mud slide, I ask that you please move forward with this project so that we can save our homes.

Josh Smith, CMG Engineering stated he has been involved with the Whitefish Stage slope mitigation project for the past four years. He explained he was asked by Susan to look at the project and also assisted in putting the grant application together which the county sponsored. Since the get go Susan has been told no by many people, yet she kept looking for ways to get this done. She found a way with FEMA who has deemed this a viable project at the state and federal level. It was a herculean effort to even put the group together that she did to be able to go after this grant; they still had to put up 25% of the funding and basically they can get this done at a 75% discount with the commissions blessing. They were running under the impression they already had that blessing, and it seems now it is uncertain at this time. The grant money will be used for stabilizing the bank currently at issue, and hooking up three residences to sewer; they will no longer have drain fields, which could be contributing to the problem. More importantly than that issue it will also assist in maintaining the storm water pond at the base of the slope that is filled with 25% of silt that would be cleaned up. The storm water pipe that comes off of Edgerton School will be extended into the pond as part of the project; there are a lot of other issues that go with this project, it isn't just the stability of the slope. When the pond fills up it gets pumped into Whitefish River directly so silt or whatever else is a concern. He stated this is not just a fix for a couple homeowners property. There is concern with Village Greens Homeowners Association with 300 plus people involved in that, the Granary Ridge Homeowners Association, four duplexes, Susan Storfa's home, George Schultz's home, Todd Sharp's home that are all on the bluff. All these people have come together and aired their concerns and have gotten to this point. The money is sitting there and is ready to move to the next step. Like Susan indicated with the recent Washington mudslide they knew there were issues with the area. One thing that stands out to me is that they didn't have an avenue to fix it or the funds to fix it; we have the mechanism now, it is sitting there. We need your blessing to manage the funds. The work will be done by others. With a FEMA grant the funds have to be managed through a municipality. This was the route that Susan was told to take.

Todd Sharp, 1465 Whitefish Stage said he obviously has a lot of concerns pertaining to not only the erosion, but potential safety issues of the cliff slumping off. I think we have a good example right now of what can happen when large amounts of rain fall. It becomes a safety issue not only for those at the top, but those down below as well. As a group they have gotten together and have received federal funding and it seems right now the county has no financial input into the situation; yet according to the federal requirement for FEMA funds the county has to administer the grant. The way the contract has been written all the liability has been placed on the landowners. The overages will be covered by the landowners and matching funds will come from the federal government (4-1) and if they don't end up getting the FEMA money, I don't think they are financially liable to do this project. My concerns of not going forward are that the county doesn't have a big stake in this; you haven't put anything financial into it. Although I would argue that you have about 500 families that are affected by this due to the sloughing that can go down into the valley below. That is why the HOA has signed into this. It is obviously something that nature is going to go on with and if we don't stop it now we will run into a safety issue in the near future. I haven't been able to go in and total up the value of all the properties that are there, but I am assuming if we total that up it would easily be in the millions of dollars. It is only 100-150 feet from the closest area to Whitefish Stage Road. It will eventually become an issue that the county will have to deal with and I am hoping that we will be able to address this early before it goes as far as losing any of the homes and or part of the road; it will get that close at some time.

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

**OPEN BIDS: FAIRGROUNDS GRANDSTAND RENOVATION PROJECT**

**10:00:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Fairground Operations Manager Mark Campbell, Butch Woolard, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Bids were received with bid bonds enclosed from:

	<b><u>BASE BID</u></b>	<b><u>A/ NO. 1</u></b>	<b><u>A/ NO. 2</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT PRICE #1</u></b>
Meredith Construction	\$243,000	\$42,000	\$15,000	\$54.00 per sq. yard
Camas Creek Contracting, LLC	\$303,118	\$43,900	\$13,366	\$98.00 per sq. yard
Outback Construction, Inc.	\$207,050	\$30,291	\$15,866	\$200.00 per sq. yard

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF APC SYMMETRA LX12KVA/ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**10:04:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Information Technology Technical Operations Supervisor Jae Carnsew, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Carnsew stated the piece of equipment in their data center is basically at the end of life and with the recent power upgrade in the data center they incorporated a new power distribution unit and combination UPS unit. He noted the piece of equipment could be sold to the City of Helena for \$2,400.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the document for signature. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

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**CONSIDERATION OF WHITEFISH STAGE SLOPE STABILIZATION PROJECT**

**10:07:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Deputy OES Director Cindy Mullaney, Brett Walcheck, Joshua Smith, Susan Storfa, Dixie Emerson, J. R. Murphy, Sue Lauret, Todd Sharp, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Scott PT said all the matters that have been brought to their attention have been considered. The three RFP's submitted have been read and studied by the commission. He stated they are making a decision today based on that information; I am not going to debate or discuss the points brought out this morning during public comment. However, I do want the public and our people to know we have studied this measure considerably and spent a lot of time on it.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to terminate the process due to ongoing concerns. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST/ CRESTVIEW HOUSING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

**10:16:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Gerald Fritts, Linda Cassidy, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Fugina reported Crestview Housing Limited Partnership applied with the Department of Revenue for a tax exemption due to the nature of their housing. She explained in reviewing statute it seems all that is required at this public hearing is to hold the hearing to solicit comments on whether or not there is a community need for this type of housing.

**Commissioner Scott PT opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to speak in regards to the tax exemption for Crestview Housing Limited Partnership.**

Gerald Fritts, Executive Director of American Covenants Senior Housing and the general partner of Crestview apartments explained the property has been in existence for approximately 25 years, and serves the disabled and seniors in the county. It is subsidized by USDA rental assistance for the most part. They have obtained low income housing tax credits from the state of Montana and recently they received a grant of \$270,000 to improve the property from the Federal Home Loan Bank. The reason they need these types of subsidies is to keep the cost of housing low. Operational costs have gone up and they have been able to maintain the cost for the tenants at a very low rate for several years that they hope to maintain. Having a real estate property tax exemption will aid them in this. As operation costs increase we can maintain rent if they have the tax exemption. Our rent will be reviewed annually by USDA to ensure they are operating at a very low cash residual or profit.

**No one else rising to speak, Commissioner Scott PT closed the public hearing.**

**DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE: AE2S CONTRACT ADDENDUM NO. 2/ BIGFORK STORMWATER PROJECT**

**10:20:32 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Grant Writer Debbie Pierson, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Pierson noted the contract addendum pertains to the original contract with AE2S who were contracted to collect water samples in Bigfork related to the Bigfork storm water project.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to approve the document for signature. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT: WHITEFISH-CITY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD & BAD ROCK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

**10:22:35 AM**

Present: Commissioner Calvin L. Scott PT, Commissioner Gary D. Krueger, Assistant Mike Pence, Deputy County Attorney Tara Fugina, Clerk Kile

Absent: Chairperson Pamela J. Holmquist

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to nominate Karen Reeves to the Whitefish City County Planning Board. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. **Aye - Scott. Opposed - Krueger.** Motion failed.

Commissioner Krueger made a **motion** to appoint Paula Robinson to the Bad Rock Rural Fire District. Commissioner Scott PT **seconded** the motion. Motion carried by quorum.

11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holmquist: MACRS Conference in Great Falls  
County Attorney meeting @ Co. Atty's Office  
12:00 p.m. Commissioner Scott: Safe Kids Safe Communities meeting @ EBB

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on March 27, 2014.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014**

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

**4:00 p.m. Commissioner Holmquist: MACRS Conference in Great Falls  
BLUAC meeting @ Bethany Lutheran**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M., the Board continued the session until 8:00 o'clock A.M. on March 28, 2014.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014**

The Board of County Commissioners met in continued session at 8:00 o'clock A.M. Chairperson 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 March 31, 2014.

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