

PUBLIC MEETING
October 9, 2001

Chair Karolin Loendorf McAdams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Varone was present. Commissioner Murray was in Billings attending a MACo MJTP meeting. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, Janet Pallister, Dave Clouse, Robert Hudnall, Larry Chapman, Doug Nisbet, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. There were no minutes to approve

Recognition of County Employees. The Commissioners acknowledged Public Works employees, Larry Chapman and Doug Nisbet, for taking high honors at the National American Public Works Association Snow Rodeo in Estes Park, Colorado. This Heavy Equipment Operators national competition included 72 participants from around the nation. The competition consisted of three evaluation areas; a written test on the rules of the road; a pre-trip diagnostic test and heavy equipment operation.

Approval of RFP Selection Committee Recommendation for Engineering Services for the TSEP Preliminary Engineering Report. Janet Pallister reported that the RFP for bridge improvement projects was advertised. The Commission opened and referred the four proposals to a selection committee. Proposals were received from Lacey Eberle Engineering, Great Falls; Stahly Engineering and Associates; Morrison-Maierle, Inc., and Entranco, all from Helena. The Committee recommended that the BoCC award the engineering services to Entranco and allow staff to negotiate a contract with them. Commissioner Varone moved that the Commission award the engineering services to Entranco and authorized staff to enter into contract negotiations and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner McAdams seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Law Enforcement Block Grant FY2001. Dave Clouse reported that the amount of the grant is \$60,292 with a 10% cash match required of \$6,699 for a total grant amount of \$66,991 and any interest earned. These funds must be expended within two years. The projects include the Civil Software Module \$15,000; Inventory Sheriff's Office Equipment \$6,391; Surveillance Equipment \$5,000; Regional Mobile Data Communications \$37,000; and AR-15 Rifles \$3,600. Commissioner Varone moved that the Commission approve the grant to include civil service module, inventory sheriff office equipment, surveillance equipment, regional mobile data communications, and AR-15 rifles. Commissioner McAdams seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.