

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**April 30, 2002**

Commissioner Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Loendorf was present and Commissioner Varone was attending other county business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Sharon Haugen, Ron Alles, Janet Pallister, David Modde, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

CTEP/Courthouse Architectural Services Contract Amendment #2. Kathy Harris reported that the contract amendment with Schlenker & McKittrick is to provide rehabilitation design services to the Courthouse. This amendment is at the county's request to allow Schlenker & McKittrick to hire a local engineering firm with MDT experience for sidewalk design to minimize MDT's review time for this process. The amendment is in the amount of \$1,850. Commissioner Loendorf moved to approve the amendment and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Grant Applications for the Lewis and Clark Conservation District. Conservation District Administrator, Chris Evans, reported on two grants: (1) Lincoln Area Dry Hydrants application is a reapplication because they were not fully funded; and (2) Upper Tenmile Streambank Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement Project is a continuation of the planting project along the riparian area of Ten Mile Creek. The Conservation District will be paying the Montana Conservation Corp to assist in the planting of trees. The Resource Conservation Advisory Council ran out of funding during their fiscal year to fund the entire project. Commissioner Loendorf moved that the Commission approve both applications and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Contract with American General Contracting. Janet Pallister requested that this contract be tabled to May 2, as it was not received from the contractor in time for this meeting. Commissioner Loendorf moved that that the Commission tabled this contract until May 2. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Resolution of Intent to Increase the Landfill Tipping Fee. The Scratch Gravel Solid Waste Board recommended that the landfill tipping fee be raised to \$23.25 per ton, a \$.75 increase in the current rate. The Board also recommended that the existing Intercap loan be refunded with the State Revolving Fund loan prior to the end of this fiscal year. Tonnage has declined over the years and the tipping fee needs to be raised to meet the 125% bond coverage requirement in FY03 and \$50.00 per ton for handling wastewater sludge and bar screenings. The reason to refund the Intercap loan with an SRF loan is the SRF loan is at a fixed rate and the Intercap loan is at a variable rate. The Scratch Gravel Board also recommended that the fee per ton for handling wastewater sludge and bar screenings be increased to \$50 per ton verses the \$22.50

per ton because this type of waste requires special handling. Staff recommended that the Commissioners adopt the resolution setting a public hearing date of May 14, 2002. After further discussion, Commissioner Loendorf moved that the Commission adopt the resolution and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Resolution Ordering a Refund of Taxes and Assessments Paid. Cheryl Green reported that Richard Martin Purcell has requested a refund of \$1,038.85 due to a double assessment. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the resolution. Commissioner Loendorf moved that the resolution be tabled until May 2, 2002 to allow Mike Noble from the Assessor's office to be present. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Bucksnort Request for Dumpsters. County Extension Agent, Larry Hoffman has been meeting with the Bucksnort area residents regarding the after effects of the Bucksnort fires of 2000. The residents are having problems getting the trash trees into the landfill and are requesting the Commission waive the landfill fees for the residents for this year's fire season. After further discussion, the Commission offered to help while exploring other options. Commissioner Loendorf moved to table this matter until May 14, 2002. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Resolution Ordering a Refund of Taxes and Assessments Paid. Commissioner Loendorf moved to remove from the table the tax refund issue of Richard Martin Purcell because Mike Noble is present to answer questions the Commissioner have regarding this refund request. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Loendorf moved to table a decision until Thursday, May 2. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.