

PUBLIC MEETING
May 21, 2002

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Loendorf was present. Commissioner Varone was absent on personal leave. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, Lynn Michel, Larry Hoffman, Chris Evans, David Modde, Kathy Harris, John Harrington, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Highway Traffic Safety Grant for Two Radar Units for the Sheriff's Department. Lynn Michel reported that the grant agreement with MDT is in the amount of \$1,750 for the purchase of two radar units for the Sheriff's Department. The units will be used in patrol cars in the Helena valley and Lincoln. Commissioner Loendorf moved to approve the grant agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

Request from Bucksnot Area Residents. (cont. from 5/14/02). Chris Evans reported that the Bucksnot area residents have requested disposal of the slash from the Bucksnot fire area free of charge. She and Larry Hoffman discussed four options but will cost the residents a significant amount of money. Mr. Hoffman asked the Commission for direction in choosing an option. Commissioner Murray stated the Commission rejected the idea of providing free containers because this is not an emergency situation.

Larry Hoffman stated a Missoula recycling group which has access to a chipper were willing to come to Helena, chip, and take it back to Missoula to recycle free of charge. Chris Evans stated at one time this group was willing to take the chips in payment of doing the work.

The Commission offered its support in contacting the Missoula firm.

Bid Award for the Elk Creek and Smith Creek Bridge Replacement. Tabled to Thursday, May 23.

Acknowledge CTEP Proposals for Sierra Road Path. Kathy Harris reported that the county received five responses to the Request for Proposals for the design of the Sierra Road Bike Path. RFP's were submitted by Peccia & Associates, Stahly Engineering, Western Water Consultants, Anderson-Montgomery, and Materials Testing & Inspection. Staff will review the proposals and bring a recommendation forward to the Commission at a future public meeting.

Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant. Larry Hoffman reported that the purpose of the contract with the Department of Agriculture and the Weed District is to manage the noxious weeds before any reclamation or road work takes place for the Silver Creek Watershed Project. Commissioner Loendorf moved to approve the grant application and authorized the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 2-0.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.