COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH

GRANDSTAFF

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....October 17, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Beth Perkins

The Board interviewed Michael Turner for the Board of Health.

The Board met to adopt a Resolution levying general levies in the County of Ravalli for the fiscal year of 2008 for Westview, Corvallis and Victor Lighting districts. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2191. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.**

The Board met with Road and Bridge Department Supervisor Dave Ohnstad for a Road and Bridge Department update. Included in this update was a discussion and presentation by Commissioner Driscoll of the information she had garnered in regard to the costs of obtaining chip seal aggregate from the Lost Horse Quarry. She reviewed the efficiency, chip seal production, staffing, operating costs, transportation costs and depreciation. The Board discussed Commissioner Driscoll's presentation in comparison to the original proposal.

Dave stated he was not prepared for Commissioner Driscoll's analysis today and it appears that he was 'broadsided' in this meeting. He also stated after listening to Commissioner Driscoll's 'dog and pony show' he would present another proposal for the quarry.

Dave stated in conversations with the Forest Service, they have never seen more mischief and concerns regarding the traffic on Lost Horse Road. After their first discussion with the Forest Service, he has now revised the original proposal for Lost Horse Quarry. Dave discussed the value of the product and improvements to the access to the recreational

area. Dave stated the value of tourism is $3 billion per year. Dave also discussed producing the product on site rather than importing it. He requested the Board review the amended proposal. Dave stated the Forest Service has mentioned a project on North Kootenai Creek that has remainder funds of about $35,000 that could be used for the end of the pavement on Lost Horse Road to Lake Como Road.

Commissioner Grandstaff asked Dave if he would use the riprap for bridge repair and surface aggregate. Dave replied the use would be for bridge repair and stated they hope to stockpile enough riprap for 10 years. Commissioner Rokosch asked if the active crushing would be done there which included the use of a loader and hauler. Dave replied they are proposing the use of the jaw crusher; then they would run the material through the crusher breaking it down to 3 inch material. They would prescreen the larger material. North Kootenai Creek will use 900 cubic of riprap. Dave stated there will only be 4 weeks of active mining (September 1st to November 31st) in the amended proposal. Commissioner Chilcott stated it seems like that is basically big game hunting season.

Dave stated they believe this amended proposal provides significant public benefit, economic feasibility for recreational use, and value to the county and community.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about the crusher itself and the product produced. Dave replied they are talking about riprap not chip seal. Commissioner Driscoll asked Dave to explain the slope on mining. Dave replied the '3 to1' recovered slope is at an interface area matching the quarry floor. He stated the quarry floor is not being lowered.

Commissioner Grandstaff asked what percentage of the material generated will be used for the county and what benefits there would be for the taxpayers. Dave replied the material used is $18.75 per cubic yard. In exchange, the county would be getting the material free from the Forest Service. Dave stated the Forest Service has two sites for quarries that could be developed by the Road & Bridge Department. Dave felt it makes more operational sense to maintain this road and there is a relationship with our federal and state partners to increase access to forested areas.

Commissioner Rokosch stated the amended proposal is a significant change from the original proposal. Dave stated the cost of running material through the primary plant onsite at the quarry will be lower because they are not trying to do any screening as they will do that prior to the initial run. Commissioner Rokosch stated he would like to see a detailed cost analysis because there is a certain threshold of responsibility for considering outsourcing. He also noted his request is also in regard to the analysis Commissioner Driscoll did for the financial impacts based on the original proposal. Dave replied he will provide those costs to Commissioner Rokosch.

Commissioner Driscoll advised Dave that she did not intend to put him on the spot with her research and estimations; but rather to make an educated decision. She noted she had asked Dave for certain information prior to this meeting on several occasions but Dave did not respond with any information. Discussion and comment followed regarding communication issues.

Dave also discussed the TSEP Engineering Report Grant Application with the Board. He requested action from the Board to execute the contract for the grant. Commissioner Rokosch recommended Civil Counsel review the grant prior to the Board executing it.

Commissioner Grandstaff requested a continuance of this meeting in order to review the amended proposal and finish Dave's agenda items. The Board agreed to continue the update until October 29th at 1:30 p.m.

In other business Commissioner Chilcott attended a RCEDA meeting during the afternoon hours.