COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF absent

ROKOSCH

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....May 1, 2008

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

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

►The Board met for administrative matters as follows:

- Approval to raise Office of Emergency Management Credit Card limit by $500.00 as per a request of OEM Director Ron Nicholas. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to raise this credit card limit by $500.00. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

- **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to have the Vice Chair sign the rental agreement with the Corvallis School District for the use of the school facilities for a Corvallis Planning function. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

- The Board discussed the renewal application for Property and Casualty Insurance for Ravalli County. Discussion included bidding this property and casualty insurance and the Agent of Record. Glenda will check the minutes as to when Fred Thomas was appointed as the Agent of Record and visit with MACo relative to the actual insurance provided to counties.

►The Board met to adopt a resolution for weight limit on Sweathouse Creek Bridge and discuss design specs for Kootenai Creek Bridge. Present was Road Supervisor David Ohnstad. David also presented the mileage certification form submitted to the Department of Transportation which increased by 29.6 miles due to the off system roads that have public access, but are not within the County maintenance system.

In regard to the Resolution for weight limit on the Sweathouse Creek Bridge, David noted an 8 ton weight limit needs to be put in effect in order to reduce the chance of further damage to the failing corrugated metal culvert structure. This limitation is also for the interest of the safety for roadway users. David noted they are inspecting numerous bridges in the county which included this bridge. The Road and Bridge Department will be pursuing a grant through the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) to finance a project that would replace the existing structure with a bridge. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2268. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion.** Discussion: This is the road and bridge that Bill Clark's trucking company utilize in order to get to his private gravel pit. David noted Clark trucks do have another route and the truckers could be cited if they utilized the bridge. With the bridge now being signed, the county's liability is non-existent if a heavy truck causes damage to the bridge. David noted the alternate route will be a longer route for the trucks and the alternate route is on gravel roads. **All voted "aye".**

David stated they have received three construction easements from private residents for the Kootenai Creek Bridge Replacement Project. David discussed the value of the project in exchange for the temporary easements. One temporary easement is on the north side and restoration of the property will occur after the project is complete. Another of the temporary easements has been negotiated with the Brown family who has the easement to the south of the bridge. David stated the county has never paid for any easements of this type. However, the Browns originally asked for $8,000 and WGM Engineers and the Brown's Attorney have negotiated this down to a payment of $4,000 from the County. While David does not like making this payment, changing the easements would cause some problems for this construction project. David noted there will be some benefits to the Browns such as the trees that will be planted at the project end, not including the new bridge. Discussion included other easements such as the West Fork Road Project which did pay for easements by the Montana Department of Transportation. While the Board concurred they did not like to pay for these temporary construction easements, they understand the negative impacts on people's personal properties while the construction is occurring.

David suggested they deal with the necessary changes in the agreement with the Browns then move forward with the third easement which is the actual detour. He will work with Civil Counsel Karen Mahar in regard to the agreement with the Browns. He suggested they not pay for that third easement which provided the detour. The actual plan documents and bid will be reviewed and agreed upon after the meeting on May 6th as well as any changes needed in the detour route. The Board concurred David should review the plan document, expressing some concern about the alignment of the road with the bridge and the width of the road. They agreed there is a budget to live within and as long as the bridge meets the AASHTO specifications, the project should proceed. David stated he will review this in regard to function, safety and cost. Unless David finds something that is not correct in these documents, the bid will proceed on May 8th.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to give discretion and latitude to David for the Brown's temporary easement and payment up to $4,000. Commissioner Driscoll

seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Rokosch suggested they attempt more negotiation on May 6th when the site visit is made. **All voted "aye".**

The Board concluded their discussion on this bridge for signage including 'No Trespassing/Private Property'. David stated he is reviewing the construction contract for this project as well as the plan sheets for the bid specifications.

The Board also discussed the complaints on the Stevi River Road due to the road construction on Highway 93. David stated there is a statute that allows an emergency declaration so dust abatement and speed reduction could be utilized on this road due to the traffic changing its course due to the construction. David will bring this statute to the Board for their review and decision.

David also brought up shifting some of the rotomilling at the Stevi Wye project to Wildflower Lane and S. Kootenai due to the condition of those roadways. It was agreed the Board will review this if the State agrees to that use. The Commissioners felt a notification to the residents would be necessary, and agreed to the use.

►The Board held a budget hearing with Environmental Health.

►The Board met with Planning Director Karen Hughes for a planning update. Citizens and various members of the Planning Board were present. Included in this update was discussion of the work being done by the Streamside Setback Committee. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to re-direct the committee to give the Commissioners the final recommended regulations on October 1st rather than July 1st; and during that extended time frame, the Committee should reach out to the community for the development of these recommendations. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson, Driscoll and Chilcott voted "aye". Commissioner Rokosch voted "nay". Motion carried.**