

## Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 11:43 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Cc:** Ron Stoltz; Greg Chilcott; J.R. Iman; Jeff Burrows; Suzy Foss  
**Subject:** 2014 RCRBD \$100K Temp Employees Budget Transfer

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for considering the three alternatives for augmenting the Road Department's 2014 work force as presented by Mr McKern and Mr Horat on Wednesday afternoon, May 14, 2014. The presented alternatives are included below the signature block of this email.

Your decision to unanimously approve Commissioner Burrows' motion to transfer \$100,000.00 into the Road Department FY2014 budget specifically to hire several additional temporary operators this summer should help the Road Department progress on the road maintenance backlog exacerbated by the early March melt/runoff. My special thanks to Commissioner Burrows for leading this effort to augment the Road Department workforce to a level where more road work can get done as in the past. Please continue along this line.

In 2013, the Board cited the uncertainty of reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS) as a factor in the decision to significantly reduce the Road Department's workforce. The Ravalli County FY2014 Road Department budget was adopted in calendar year 2013 with SRS expected revenue set at **\$0.00**, an enormous decrease from the previous year's \$725, 000.00 budgeted SRS revenue. Congress ultimately reauthorized SRS for 2014 and on April 8, 2014, Ravalli County received an electronic transfer of SRS Title I funds equaling \$1,131,233.52, of which **\$754,155.68** is statutorily required to be distributed to the general road fund.

Having adopted a balanced FY2014 budget with \$0.00 SRS funds, having recently received an unbudgeted **\$754,155.68** in road fund specific SRS funds, and now having taken positive Board action on the staffing shortfall in the Road Department by approving \$100,000.00 worth of temporary operator increases, I look forward to the remainder of this year's \$754,155.68 SRS Title I windfall being transformed into discernible repairs completed by our capable and dedicated Road Department team. Start by approving more miles of surface stabilization (MgCl) for rough county gravel roads beyond the planned 13-14 miles/\$50,000.00 worth in order to reduce, or even cut to zero, blading costs later in the season on those treated roads!

Through a continued series of meaningful Road Department budget plus ups like the \$100,000.00 one this week, the citizens of Ravalli County should soon be able to thank the Board for better, safer county roads.

Sincerely,  
Chris Hockman  
Hamilton

Road Departments submission to the Board of Commissioners follows:

# Ravalli County Road Department

5/13/14

## Alternate A - Current Work Force:

### May -July

Grading  
Culvert Repair  
Asphalt Patching-potholes  
Mag Chloride Application

### August - October

Skid patch repair  
Crushing - 2 weeks  
Mowing - 4 weeks  
Sweeping

Note: 2014 paving operations may likely be postponed with this alternate.

## Alternate B - Add One (1) Additional Operators:

### May-July

Grading  
Culvert Repair  
Asphalt Patching-potholes  
Mag Chloride Application  
Mowing - 8 weeks

### August - October

Skid patch repair  
Crushing - 6 weeks  
Sweeping

Note: 2014 paving operations may likely be postponed with this alternate.

## Alternate C - Add Five (5) Additional Operators:

### May-July

Grading  
Skid patch repair  
Culvert Repair  
Asphalt Patching-potholes  
Mag Chloride Application  
Mowing -18 weeks

### August - October

Paving  
Crushing - 16 weeks  
Sweeping

Note: Willoughby Lane Bridge replacement and road reconstruction and Black Lane culvert installations are both scheduled for September-October for all above alternates.

**Paving Estimates**  
**5/14/14**

<u>Road</u>	<u>Quantity (tons)</u>
Lost Horse Road, 5900'	1475
Sheafman Creek, 1000'	450
Golf Course (one lane), 1000'	150
Daly Avenue (one lane), 240'	45
Grantsdale Cutoff (one lane), 250'	<u>45</u>
Sub Total	2154 tons @ \$55.65 = \$ 120,000
 <u>Skid Steer Patching and Hand Patching</u>	
6 weeks x 4 days/wk. x 50 tons/day =	1200 tons @ \$ 55.65 = \$ 67,000
Total	<b>\$187,000</b>