

**PUBLIC MEETING – December 22, 2004**

The Public Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Bill Carey. Also present were Commissioner Jean Curtiss, Deputy County Attorney Colleen Dowdall and Director of Disaster and Emergency Services Jane Ellis. Commissioner Barbara Evans was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

None

**Routine Administrative Actions**

Commissioner Curtiss moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the routine administrative items adopted the past week and approve the weekly claims lists in the amount of \$375,705.06. Acting Chair Carey seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 2-0.

**Resolution: Adoption of NIMS (National Incident Management System): Department of Homeland Security**

Jane Ellis presented the staff report.

Since 9/11, it has been clear within Federal agencies that a single incident management system is important. Everybody responding to any kind of an incident, especially terrorism, needs to be functioning within basically the same system. Presidential Directive No. 5 calls for the creation of a nationwide system to manage incidents. The Department of Homeland Security developed NIMS, which is not a dramatic change for Missoula agencies, because they already use the incident command system that is the heart of NIMS. Missoula agencies also rely on mutual aid and NIMS is intended to enhance mutual aid, both intra-state and inter-state. At the October meeting of the Disaster Planning Committee, it was recommended that both the City and County adopt NIMS as the official incident management system to be used within Missoula County. The recommendation today is for the Board of County Commissioners to adopt NIMS.

Acting Chair Carey asked for public comments. There were none.

Commissioner Curtiss moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution adopting the National Incident Management System as proposed. Acting Chair Carey seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 2-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Resolution Number 2004-130 at the Public Meeting.

**Resolution Number 2004-130**

**MISSOULA COUNTY ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

**WHEREAS**, Homeland Security Presidential Directive No. 5 calls for the development of an incident management system to be used by all first response agencies in the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security has developed the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and,

**WHEREAS**, NIMS incorporates the Incident Command System (ICS) which all the first response agencies in Missoula County already use; and,

**WHEREAS**, all Missoula County first response agencies actively use and rely on mutual aid and seek an even higher level of interoperability;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners adopts the National Incident Management System and directs that it be incorporated in the Missoula County Disaster Plan.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 2004 and signed by Commissioner Jean Curtiss and Commissioner Bill Carey (Commissioner Barbara Evans was not available for signature).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Commissioners were in recess at 1:35 p.m.