

LYLE PHILLIPS

March 31, 2012

Flathead County Republican Central Committee PO Box 2455 Kalispell, MT 59903

Re: Application for Flathead County Interim County Commissioner District 1

Dear Committee Members:

I am a fourth generation Flathead Valley resident who resides within two miles of Whitefish. I would like to serve as the interim County Commissioner until January 1, 2013, when the newly elected Commissioner takes office. I have not filed as a candidate.

For the next nine months or so, a key issue for District 1 is the Whitefish doughnut dispute, currently the subject of district court litigation. For more than four years, I have worked on this complicated dispute. (To give a t1avor for this work, I am attaching a Daily Inter Lake al1icle from last year). In early 2010, Commissioner Dupont asked me to serve with him as a doughnut representative on the committee seeking to settle the dispute with Whitefish. For the rest of the year, I worked closely with Commissioner Dupont to fashion a cooperative settlement that Whitefish and the County approved in December 2010. Unfortunately, Whitefish voters overturned that settlement, and Whitefish has sued the County again, trying to stop the County from assuming control over the doughnut area. I was still working with Commissioner Dupont on these issues at the time of his tragic death.

Commissioners deal with many land use planning issues. Philosophically, I am an ardent proponent of property rights. I think land use rules should be clear and easy to understand. If a land owner submits an application for a land use that the rules allow, then the application should be approved. Had I been on the Commission in 2005, I would not have approved the 2005 Interlocal Agreement with Whitefish. I think it is extremely offensive that Whitefish, or any other local government, can impose draconian land use laws on properties when the regulated landowners cannot vote in the local elections for those officials making the regulations.

I bring to the Commission other key skills. I served 11 years as the manager of Human Resources at Columbia Falls Aluminum Company which included management of the plant's medical, safety and security departments. I have considerable experience managing people and working with labor unions. I served six years as a voluntary fireman, so I understand public safety and emergency responders. I have technical and organizational experience that Jean devote to helping address the challenges facing the new Emergency Communications Center, a task that Commissioner Dupont was working on.

I also have served as leader of economic development groups seeking to bring jobs to the Flathead Valley. In all my work and volunteer positions, I have consistently applied a common sense approach.

We have a number of Republican candidates running for the District 1 seat. I am not a candidate, which is an additional advantage of appointing me. I will not be distracted by a campaign. Moreover, there will not be any hard feelings by our various Republican groups that one side or the other was favored in this appointment process. Instead, the Republican primary voters themselves can pick the best candidate to

run in the general election and whoever that Republican candidate is--we must all support to make sure that a Republican serves the balance of Commissioner Dupont's term.

Commissioner Dupont was passionate about liberating the doughnut, building a world-class Emergency Communication Center, and making common-sense budget and land use decisions. I would consider it a privilege and be deeply honored to carry on his vision for the next nine months.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lyle Phillips

Professional Experience

1962 -2004 Employed by Anaconda Aluminum Co./Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.

- 15 years of Management and Supervision in the areas of engineering and maintenance
- 11 years as Manager of Human Resources, including labor relations involving unions, negotiation of labor contracts, overseeing salaries and benefits of a large number of employees, medical, safety and security management and oversight

2008-09 President and CEO Flathead County Economic Development Authority and Montana West Economic Development

Volunteer Community Service

- 6 years Volunteer Fireman, City of Whitefish
- Many years of Committee work at Christ Lutheran Church
- 6 years Whitefish School Board, Chairman 4 years
- 25 years Board of Directors Whitefish Credit Union, Current Vice Chairman
- 9 years North Valley Hospital Foundation, last 3 years Chairman 2001-10
- 8 years FVCC Business and Education Council, Chairman 2006-07
- 6 years Board of Directors Montana West Economic Development
- 6 years Montana State Workforce Investment Board
- 10 years Chairman Job Service Employer's Committee
- 1 year Board of Directors Flathead Business and Industry Association
- 4 years Community Advisory Council to KRMC Board of Directors

Education

1959 Graduated Whitefish High School

1981 Electrical Engineering Technology Diploma, Degree Center for Study

Posted: Thursday, June 23, 2011

COUNTY AIMS TO PULL OUT OF WHITEFISH DOUGHNUT DEAL

By Lynnette Hintze, Daily Inter Lake

Anticipating the effect an upcoming city ballot referendum could have on control of Whitefish's

two-mile planning “doughnut,” the Flathead County commissioners on Wednesday began the process of scrapping the 2010 revised interlocal agreement.

The commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution giving a one-year termination notice to the city of Whitefish for the interlocal agreement that had been a compromise for both sides.

At issue are the commissioners’ concerns over the outcome of the ballot referendum aimed at tossing out the revised agreement.

“This puts everyone in a quandary,” Commissioner Jim Dupont said prior to Wednesday’s vote. “If the voters pass the referendum, at least we’ll have a six-month jump start” in voiding the revised agreement.

“We’ll dump it, pull out and we’ll take over” control of the doughnut, Dupont said.

The county rescinded the original 2005 interlocal agreement largely because doughnut residents have no representation since they can’t vote in city elections.

Dupont is unhappy that doughnut residents won’t get to vote on the November referendum. Because it’s a city vote, only voters who live within the city limits of Whitefish will be able to vote.

Referendum supporters, however, believe there’s overwhelming public opposition to the revised agreement and argue the agreement “has crippled the city’s ability to govern itself effectively” because Whitefish City Council members are unsure how the county will react to city legislation that spills into the doughnut area.

Dupont said the doughnut battle essentially is having a negative effect on doughnut property owners.

“The majority of the doughnut residents don’t know what their property values are,” Dupont said. And, he said, they are reluctant to make improvements because of jurisdictional questions. Dupont, who helped forge the compromise last year, was referring to city legislation such as the critical areas ordinance that put restrictions on building in drainage-sensitive areas in the doughnut area.

The battle for control of the two-mile zone, plus the city’s lawsuit against the county over doughnut control, has left a pall of uncertainty that has affected real estate transactions and development.

“I consider this a failure,” Dupont said of the interlocal agreement and the doughnut process. “There were too many groups, too many people arguing and too much litigation and too many lawyers.”

Whitefish doughnut resident Lyle Phillips reiterated Dupont's concerns as he read a prepared statement prior to Wednesday's vote.

"I agreed with the [revised] settlement, not because it gave the doughnut residents everything they thought should be in it, but I understood it was a compromise and ended the current litigation," Phillips said. "It brought the county and city together. It promised certainty and stability for the doughnut, which we desperately need in this current real estate market." Phillips contended the referendum, if approved, will guarantee more litigation. There will be litigation about the effect of the referendum and whether it's legal, and there will be legal wrangling over whether the 2005 interlocal agreement still is in effect, he said.

Ironically, a stipulation of the revised agreement was to authorize city officials to ask Flathead District Court to dismiss the city's lawsuit against the county. However, intervenors to the lawsuit said they wouldn't support the compromise because language in the revised interlocal agreement that dealt specifically with providing representation to residents of the doughnut was removed as the two sides compromised.

Intervenors want the representation issue adequately addressed, and the court hasn't yet ruled on the issue.

Another layer of complexity to the doughnut saga was added in February when Phillips and Diane Smith, two members of the committee that drafted the revised agreement, filed a two part motion in District Court, asking the court to grant a joint city-county motion to dismiss the lawsuit and deny proposed intervenors the opportunity to be part of the lawsuit.

Commissioner Dale Lauman reminded the 15 or so people at Wednesday's meeting that it's important for community leaders to look at Flathead County as "a total county.

"Until we can become a cohesive group of people ... we're working against each other," Lauman said. "It bothers me that we're going down that road."

Commissioner Pam Holmquist was hopeful that the termination of the interlocal agreement would "give the people of the doughnut some representation that they deserve."

CAL SCOTT

March 28, 2012

Flathead County Republican Central Committee
Attn: Executive Committee
P.O. Box 2455 Kalispell, MT 50003

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Executive Committee:

I am honored to submit this letter as my sincere *Letter of Intent* and my commitment to serve; and to enter the process as a candidate for interim Flathead County Commissioner, District one.

I believe I was called to this position because Flathead County deserves nothing less than a capable and experienced person that is fully committed to, not only the interim, but for the long term as well. It seems logical that we need one who is knowledgeable and is capable of being visionary for future of Flathead County.

I believe the good works of our Commissioners should be continued with the least interruption or delay by one that can fully serve, not simply getting by for an interim. It seems our collective best interests are best served by one who best fits that immediate need and is a likely candidate for the remaining two years of Commissioner Dupont's term; and as committed to serve the next six years, if asked to do so.

It is my honor to submit any and all information deemed necessary by you, the Flathead County Republican Central Committee.

Please note the attached for your review and consideration. I anxiously await the opportunity to interview with the Executive Committee on April 2, 2012, at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Cal Scott

Cal Scott -Bio Page

Flathead -Montana Background:

Cal is a 5th generation of a Flathead family that first came to Kalispell in 1897. from North Dakota. Family members then homesteaded, settled and raised families in Polson. Libby, Troy. Ronan. St Ignatius and Missoula areas. Cal attended school in Kalispell. Columbia Falls and is a graduate of Polson High School, class of 1961. After service in Army National Guard, Regular Army and college, he entered the engineering profession, then real estate and finance businesses in 1968 and first became a REALTOR® business owner in 1972. Cal has owned and developed properties in the Flathead region since 1972, spending summers and vacations with local family throughout NW Montana. He and his wife. Laurale have lived and worked in the Flathead full time since 1999- and resided in District One since 2009. They are involved in the Flathead community. having been MT Therapeutic Foster Care Parents and active supporters of family and children organizations. They enjoy special family times with their six grown children and eight grandchildren.

Flathead Area Business (2000-2012):

Flathead County Planning Board Member-first appointed and served as Board Member 2004 and again 2006. ETHIC: Founder Director, Nationally Awarded non-profit Real Estate Consumer & Professional Education/Counseling Organization Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS® (NMAR): 2008 President, Affordable Housing Committee Chair, Montana Association of REALTORS®(MAR): 2005-2008 State Director, Political Affairs Committee. Land Use Committee, Water Issues Committee, Workforce Housing Program, Housing Fair Events. National Association of REALTORS® (NAR): National Housing Needs Committee, *Home From Work & Employer Assisted Housing* Program Trainer, Montana National Delegate
Montana Board of Realty Regulation: Instructor-REALTOR® Code of Ethics. Mortgage Financing. Agency. REPSA, Quality of Life, RE Rookie Class, Principles of Real Estate MT required pre-licensing program and Author of Montana Association of REALTORS® *WorkForce HOI/sing Certification* program. OTHER: Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) Instructor and co-author of FVCC Real Estate Specialist Two Year Certificate, Montana Real Estate Principles Pre-licensure Class and consumer education-Home and Property Buyer, Home Seller, For Sale by Owner. Solutions to Collections or Foreclosure. Home Maintenance and Care, Home and Property Financing. MT Board of Realty Regulation Rookie class instructor of Finance. NeighborWorks®. Certified Homebuyer Education Trainer, HUD Counselor, Reverse Mortgage (HECM) Counselor and hosted "Home Town Real Estate" internet radio show broadcast from Whitefish, MT and was founder and chairperson of Housing Affordability Ladder (HAL), serving all of Montana.

Other Background:

1972-2011 successfully owned and managed Real Estate Companies. Mortgage Company. Escrow Company. Development Company, Financial Counseling and Business Planning & Consulting Firm 1985-1989 created and Senior VP of Income Property and Commercial lending Division of WA State Bank. 1988-1989 planning and subsequent formal incorporation of The City of Federal Way. WA,

1991 developed Washington State Migrant/Seasonal Farm Worker Housing Program.
1991-1999 founder/executive director of National Partnership in Housing Awarded non-profit home & property ownership education and counseling organization-Washington Community Housing Network and ETHIC,
1995 recipient of FannieMae Foundation Community Service and Annual Grant Award.
1996 approved United Way of King County, Washington partner and organization,
1996 producer of Congressman Randy Tate's Expanding Homeownership Opportunities program for housing and industry professionals,
1996 National Association of REALTORS® convention panelist on *What They Don 't Know Con Hurt Them*,
1996 approved Homeownership Education Program for US Armed Forces-U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks.
1997 produced City of Tacoma Human Rights *Housing Awareness Program*, 1997 panelist for Northwest US Regional Real Estate Economics and Marketplace Conference
1997 authored Homeownership Educational Standards approved by Washington State Housing Finance Commission. Seattle Mortgage Bankers. UD. WA Association of REALTORS® and FannieMae.
1997 founded Homeownership Center for Homebuyer Education in eight major US cities.

1998 appearance as investigative consultant on ABC News 20/20 & nine State Attorney General Offices.
1990-2002 host. commentator and guest on national radio and TV programs. including KIRO TV. KNBC News Radio, KIRO radio Real Estate Talk Show, KJJR On the Couch, with Mike and ABC TV News 20/20,

Respectfully submitted by Cal Scott to the Flathead County Republican Central Committee. Executive Committee, March 28, 2012

PREFACE

The Wickman Corporation was a family business established in 1941 and sold in January, 2003. As a condition of the purchase agreement, I stayed on as the COO until Jan, 2004. The company had two divisions. The first was a diamond grinding wheel manufacturer with 35-45 manufacturing employees, the other an importer of European machine tools. The company employed 45-75 employees during this period. I was personally active in sales and manufacturing in both divisions throughout my career there.

In 1990 when Jack Welch was still CEO and the company had not yet gotten into bed with the progressives, I was certified at General Electric Co. as a trainer for team building and customer quality. This was their "Commitment to Quality" program, which I later implemented at The Wickman Corporation. I believe in the value of the customer, both internal and external.

After 25 years in the manufacturing business, my family moved to Whitefish for the quality of life and the proximity to the outdoors. My wife Jennifer and I have been happily married for 24 years. We have two boys, Ben, 21 and Mark, 18. For 11 years I coached Youth soccer, spring and fall. I truly enjoy working with others, young and old. I am a "young" looking 55 year old.

My experience after living here for 8 years is that the "red state" I thought I was moving to has a lot of liberal "extreme green" activities. I never thought that I would get involved in politics, but with what has been happening at the County, State and Federal levels in recent times I feel an obligation to my fellow citizens and my children to get involved and do something. I will not turn a blind eye and leave the problems for my children to deal with.

In closing, it is my belief that my experience, knowledge, personality and values would contribute to being a good County commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration,


Ben Stormes

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Whitefish, MT 59937

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Ben Stormes

Employment The Wickman Corporation, Oak Park, MI 1979 - 2004

Experience

1990–2004

President/CEO

- Reported to Board of Directors
- Managed Superabrasive and Machine Tool Divisions

1987-1990

Vice President – Machine tool Division

- Reported to President
- P&L, Budget and Forecast responsibility.
- Managed 8 inside sales representatives and distributor network for U.S.
- Implemented training course for tradeshow booth personnel and lead follow up system
- Added 4 new machinery lines from Europe creating \$4,000,000 per year additional sales
- Elected Technical representative to board, Precision Machine Parts Association.

1984-1987

Product Manager – Messma-Kelch Tool measuring machines

- Expanded sales from \$30,000 to \$2,250,000 annually
- Introduced product to market through advertising, trade shows and direct marketing.
- Expanded sales to include OEM accounts.

1979-1984

Sales Representative – Michigan territory, Machine Tool Div.

- Introduced CNC Machinery to territory
- Managed national trade shows from installation to tear-down. 6,000 sq. ft. booths with 12 machines running parts.
- Became active in Precision Machine Parts Association

Education

1975-1979 Ohio Wesleyan University Delaware, Ohio

- BA degree, Marketing Management (Economics)

1972-1975 University Ligett School
Grosse Pointe, MI

- High School diploma, college preparatory

1990 General Electric Company
Worthington, Ohio

- Certified Team Building and Customer Quality Trainer

2002-2003 Professional Ski Instructors Assoc. Div. – C

- Level I and II – Alpine Instructor

2004 WMI / NOLS Lander, WY

- Wilderness First Responder

2006 National Ski Patrol

- Outdoor Emergency Care
- Avalanche Level 1 National Forest Service

2007 Rescue 3 International

- Whitewater Rescue Technician
- Avalanche Level 2 Valhalla Adventures

2007/2008 National Avalanche Foundation

- National Avalanche School Phase I and II

2008 American Institute of Avalanche Research and Education

- Level I Instructor Training Course

2010 Front Sight Firearms Training Institute

- 4 day Defensive Handgun Course

Interests

All types of Fishing, Hunting, Shooting, Alpine and Backcountry Skiing, Snowmobiling, Backpacking, Rafting, Sailing and Camping.

Coached youth soccer programs for 12 years.

Worked as a teacher at the Youth Ministry “Logos” at Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, MT from 2004 – 2009

Goals

Raise my children responsibly, work hard and enjoy life to its fullest.