

March 5-7, 2008

**ITEM 138-XXXX-R0308**     **Planning for Joint Community Library; Montana State University Billings**

**THAT:**                                 **FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**

- EXPLANATION:**
1. MCA 20-25-302 empowers the regents of the Montana university system to; ... (6) do all things necessary to plan for and propose financing, for (a) ... library.
  2. MSU Billings will provide \$75,000 to match the City of Billings \$75,000 in order to develop the preliminary plans for a Joint Community Library.
  3. The Joint Community Library has been supported by the City for the past three years and is the Library Board's #1 capital priority.
  4. This project has been included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan for 2010 at \$7.4M and will necessitate a bond issue as well as a mill levy.
  5. Similarly, this project is included in our 2010/2011 LRBP request at \$7.4M.
  6. This collaborative effort will share facilities, collections, expertise and expenses to meet the growing needs of the University as well as the community.