

May 24-25, 2012

ITEM 155-1902-R0512

Revision to authorization to Expend Plant Funds to Repair Parking at Donaldson Campus; The University of Montana–Helena College of Technology

THAT

The Board of Regents authorizes, in accordance with Montana University System Policy 940.9.2, the expenditure of up to \$300,000 of previously collected student building access fees for the repair of parking areas located at the Donaldson Building of the UM-Helena College of Technology.

EXPLANATION

In May 2011, the Board of Regents approved the expenditure of \$250,000 for the repairs to the parking area at the Donaldson Building, item# 151-1903-R0511. The project has been bid and awarded for total of \$248,950.

UM-HCOT is now requesting additional authority for this project to address some additional concerns related to the parking area. The first is the increase in the number of handicapped stalls available in this parking lot. UM-HCOT has seen an increase in the usage of handicapped stalls over the last couple of years. For an additional \$6,470 the contractor will convert 3 additional stalls into handicapped stalls including 2 additional wheelchair ramps. This will give UM-HCOT a total of 15 handicapped stalls at the Donaldson campus. This would increase the total contract cost to \$255,420.

Secondly, the initial design of the parking project included a patio area on the south side of the building. This item was bid as a separate item for a cost of \$19,090. This item was not included in the initial contract because it exceeded the authorized authority. This would increase the total cost of the project to \$274,510.

Lastly, there is concern about a natural gas main that runs down the south side of the building and would be under the patio if it were constructed. UM-HCOT would like to have that main relocated further south to eliminate the need to tear out the patio should the main need repair. An estimate of this cost has not yet been determined but should be within the \$25,490 balance of the \$300,000 authority. If the estimate puts the total cost over \$300,000, the item will come back to the board or its designee (commissioner) for approval.

ATTACHMENTS

None