MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer’s Weekly Report for November 24, 2008

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to the Board of Supervisors. This report provides information on issues affecting the County and the progress of County activities.

Information Technology Department: MPC Corporation Bankruptcy Filing

Though deteriorating financial conditions continue to plague the personal computer (PC) industry, the Bankruptcy Court has approved the restructuring plans of our PC supplier, MPC Corporation, as well as payments to their manufacturing and assembly supplier and we have begun to receive backlogged orders for equipment. On Thursday, November 20, 2008, the County Information Technology Department received sixteen computers comprising five different orders that had previously been held up from delivery. Under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code rulings, the company has negotiated for the release of already manufactured products, the completion of backlogged orders, and begun preparations for manufacturing of new orders at their Nampa, Idaho facility. These rapid steps give us improved confidence of compliance with our contract for supply of PCs and laptops. However, the CAO’s Contracts/Purchasing Division and the Information Technology Department are closely monitoring the situation, having regular discussions with the company, and working on alternative sources of supply and other workaround solutions to avoid any disruptions in County business that may occur as a result of the filing and MPC business interruptions. Though the circumstance is discomforting, all efforts are being taken to avoid further adverse impacts to the County’s departments and progress is being made with completing the backlogged orders.

This concludes the CAO report.