

August 17, 2018

Contract #18-152

Agenda Action Report
Prepared for the
Cascade County Commission

ITEM: Contract #18-152 Interlocal Agreement between Cascade County and the City of Great Falls for Emergency Fire and Medical Services

INITIATED AND PRESENTED BY: Carey Ann Haight, Deputy County Attorney

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Contract #18-152

BACKGROUND:

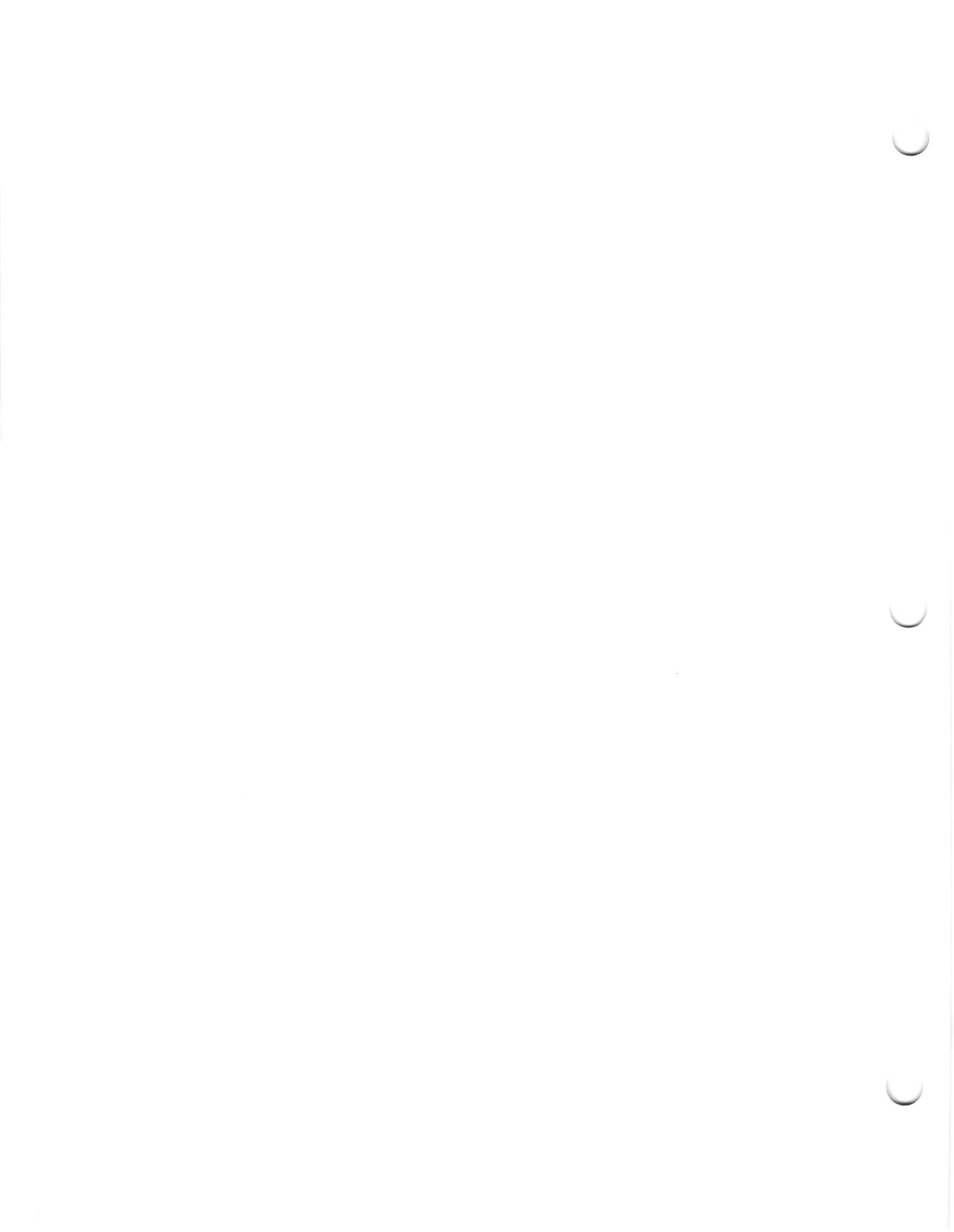
Pursuant to §§ 7-11-105(3) and 7-11-105(8), MCA the City of Great Falls and Cascade County seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Emergency Fire and Medical Services for Fire District Areas 18, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 25, 26, 27, 40, 42, 43, 45, and 48 provided that in the event that calls for service exceed available resources, the City reserves the authority to prioritize its emergency responses. The term of the Agreement shall be from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

For purposes of clarification for the record, the Board of Cascade County Commissioners previously acted to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Cascade County and the City of Great Falls for Emergency Fire and Medical Services on July 31, 2018, under Contract #18-141. Although we discussed the essential terms and changes necessitating the new Interlocal Agreement, Contract #18-141 as reviewed by the board at that time and voted on did not in fact contain all the essential terms and conditions as finally negotiated between the parties. To correct that error, the Board of Cascade County Commissioners is asked to revisit herein today the previously discussed Interlocal Agreement which is the correct final version of the Agreement under a new Contract #18-152.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Contract #18-152.

TWO MOTIONS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

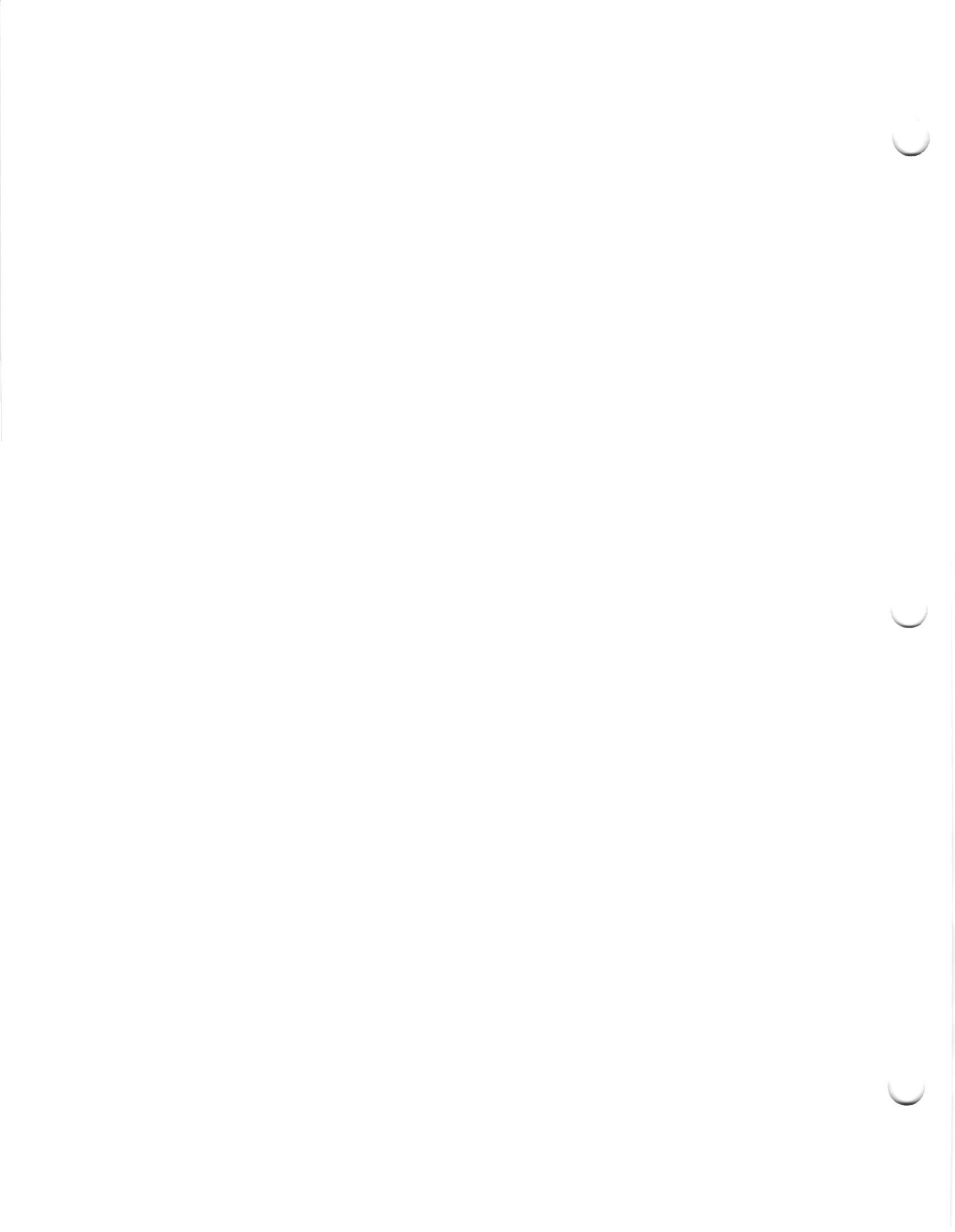
MOTION TO APPROVE:



Madam Chairman, I move that the Commission approve Contract #18 -152, an Interlocal Agreement between Cascade County and the City of Great Falls for Emergency Fire and Medical Services.

MOTION TO DISAPPROVE:

Madam Chairman, I move that the Commission reject Contract #18 -152, an Interlocal Agreement between Cascade County and the City of Great Falls for Emergency Fire and Medical Services.



INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Between *Cascade County* and the *City of Great Falls*
For Emergency Fire and Medical Services

WHEREAS, the Montana Interlocal Cooperation Act, codified at § 7-11-101 (2017), MCA (hereinafter the “Act”), permits local government units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other local governmental units on a basis of mutual advantage, and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that one or more public agencies may contract with any one or more other public agencies to perform any administrative service, activity, or undertaking which such public agencies are otherwise authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cascade (hereinafter referred to as “County”) and the City of Great Falls (hereinafter referred to as “City”) constitute public agencies pursuant to § 7-11-103, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the City has a fire department which is permanently organized, equipped, and staffed for continuous operations; and

WHEREAS, the City fire department’s operational capacity is adequate to provide emergency fire and medical services to both the City and adjacent areas; and

WHEREAS, the County has created, and may additionally create, fire districts in accordance with §7-33-2101 through 7-33-2104, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries are maintained in the office of the City of Great Falls Information Technology Mapping Department, 2 Park Drive South, Room 5, Great Falls, MT. District boundaries can also be viewed at the Great