

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2020

Via Zoom

9:30 A.M.

Commission
Journal #60

Notice: Pursuant to MCA 2-3-212(1), the official record of the minutes of the meeting is in audio form, located at cascadecountymt.gov and the Clerk and Records Office. This is a written record of this meeting to reflect all the proceedings of the Board. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). Timestamps are indicated below, in red, and will direct you to the precise location should you wish to review a specific agenda item audio segment. These are in draft form until officially approved on June 23, 2020.

Commission: Chairman James L. Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber and Commissioner Joe Briggs

Staff: Charity Yonker – Planning Director, Sandor Hopkins – Planner, Anna Ehnes – Planner, Kim Thiel-Schaaf – Aging Services Director, Brad Call – Emergency Management Director, Cory Reeves – Undersheriff, Cary Ann Haigh – Deputy County Attorney, JoViviane Jones – WIC, Les Payne – Interim Public Works Director, Josh Blystone – Weed & Mosquito, Mary Embleton – Budget Officer, Tanya Harshaw – DES, Linda Cargill – Safety Officer, Roy Curtis – Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Bonnie Fogerty – Commission Office and Kyler Baker – Deputy Clerk & Recorder

Public: Brady Lasilla, Loran Frazier, and Laura Hart – TD&H Engineering, Allan Birky, Karl Puckett – The Great Falls Tribune and Jenn Rowell – The Electric

Call to Order: Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

Reading of the Commissioners' calendar: Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar. **00:38**

Purchase orders and accounts payable checks: *See agenda for payment information.* Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. **Motion carries 3-0 05:07**

Consent agenda: Routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner may pull items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion/vote.

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to (A) Approve minute entries (May 28, 2020) (B) Approval of Routine Contracts as Follows:

Consent Agenda

Resolution 20-28: Budget Appropriation within the Comprehensive Insurance Fund #2190 increasing revenues and expenditures to cover unbudgeted acquisitions. Total Increase: \$5,680 **05:42**

Contract 20-41: Annual Financial Plan for FY 19/20 Exhibit “A” Public Safety Contract with the Town of Belt. Purpose: For the provision of law enforcement services by the Cascade County Sheriff’s Office and Cascade County Attorney Prosecutorial Services. Effective: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. Total Cost to Belt: \$58,255.56 **05:55**

Contract 20-60: Annual Financial Plan for FY 20/21 Exhibit “A” Public Safety Contract with the Town of Belt. Purpose: For the provision of law enforcement services by the Cascade County Sheriff’s Office and Cascade County Attorney Prosecutorial Services. Effective: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Total Cost to Belt: \$58,760.35
(Ref: Contract 18-109, R0357292) **06:31**

Contract 20-61: MT DPHHS Contract 20-221-13009-0, Amendment #3, Provision of Older Americans Act Programming to accept additional funding from CARES Act to assist with COVID-19 response. Effective: April 1, 2020 – FFY 2021. **07:02**

Resolution 20-27: Budget Appropriation to increase the budget due to the additional funding from CARES Act to assist with COVID-19 response. Total Amount: \$25,821
(Ref: Contract 20-61 MT DPHHS Contract 20-221-130019-0, #3) **07:35**

Contract 20-62: United Way of Cascade County FY 2021 donation to Aging Services, Foster Grandparents program. Total Amount: \$5,000 **07:58**

Contract 20-63: United Way of Cascade County FY 2021 donation to Aging Services, Meals on Wheels. Total Amount: \$17,000 **08:12**

Contract 20-64: Corporation for National & Community Service Foster Grandparents Grant Award #18SFPMT003 (Year 2 of 3). Federal Funding: \$200,951.00 Local Funding: \$26,382 (Local \$13,532/cash, \$12,850/in-kind) Budget Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
(Ref: Contract 19-71, R0371844) **08:21**

Contract 20-66: Noxious Weed Control Agreement between Montana Department of Transportation and Cascade County. Purpose: For the control of noxious weeds within the limits of the right-of-way on designated state highways under the jurisdiction of MDT. Annual Sum paid by MDT: \$57,000 **09:02**

Contract 20-67: Trinity Services Group, Inc. contractual increase for meal prices at the Cascade County Adult Detention Center. Effective: July 1, 2020. Reflects a 3% increase from 2019. **09:22**

Contract 20-68: MT DPHHS Service Provider Designation Form. Cascade County designates 100% of allocated earmarked alcohol tax monies to Gateway Community Services for the provision of chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in Cascade County. Effective: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (FY 2021) **09:40**

City-County Health Department

Contract 20-65: MT DPHHS Foster Child Health Program PHH020-0288R. Purpose: To ensure foster care children receive proper care, continuity of care. Effective: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Amount: \$90.00/per client. **10:07**

Motion carries 3-0 11:13

AGENDA ITEM #1 11:31

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Contract 20-69: Buildings for Lease or Rent, 47-Unit Storage Building 352 Vaughn South Frontage Rd, GF, MT 59404 *Initiated by: Frontage Properties, LLC*
Anna Ehnes, Planner, elaborates. **11:57**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to adopt the Staff Report and approve the proposed storage building with forty-seven (47) units subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall obtain any necessary addresses from the 911 addressing office.
2. The applicant shall obtain any necessary final approach permits from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).
3. The applicant must obtain any other required Federal, State or County permits and comply with the regulations associated with any other permits. **17:31**

Motion carries 3-0 18:25

AGENDA ITEM #2 18:37

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Final Plat Approval: An Amended Subdivision Plat of Lot 1, Davy's Minor.

Initiated by: Todd & Nadine Davy

Sandor Hopkins, Planner, elaborates. **18:57**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** that after consideration of the Staff Report and Findings of Fact approve The Final Plat for an Amended Plat of Lot 1, Davy's Minor, subsequent minor subdivision due to the eight (8) conditions being met. **22:52**

Motion carries 3-0 23:28

AGENDA ITEM #3 24:04

Acceptance of Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, Award #: 2020-VD-BX-1178

Project: Keeping Cascade County Safe: COVID-19 Prevention & Preparation

Project Period: January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020 Award Total: \$58,008

Undersheriff Cory Reeves, elaborates. **24:36**

Commissioner Briggs thanked the Undersheriff and the Grant Writing Staff for their hard work in writing and submitting this grant. **26:01**

Commissioner Weber also applauded the work of the Undersheriff and Grant Writing Staff. **26:25**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 20-70: accepting the DOJ OPJ Grant Award #2020-VD-BX-1178 in the amount of \$58,008 for the period of January 2020 – January 2022 along with the Special Conditions specified in said grant award documents. **26:50**

Motion carries 3-0 27:48

AGENDA ITEM #4 27:57

Public Hearing: Armington Bridge Project

Recess the Commission Meeting:

Chairman Larson recessed the Commission Meeting at **9:59 a.m.**

Public Hearing:

Chairman Larson opened the public hearing at **9:59 a.m.**

Reading of the Public Notice:

The reading of the public notice was waived without objections and made part of the public record. (*See Exhibit A*)

Staff Presentation:

Mary Embleton, Budget Officer, elaborates. **29:33**

Brady Lassila, TD&H Engineering, elaborates. **32:00**

Call for Written Testimony:

Chairman Larson called for written testimony and none was presented. **43:26**

Call for Proponents:

Chairman Larson called for Proponents, three times with no response. **45:24**

Call for Opponents:

Chairman Larson called for Opponents, three times with no response. **45:57**

Informational Witnesses:

Chairman Larson called for Informational Witnesses three times with no response. **46:23**

Close to Public Hearing:

Chairman Larson closed the public hearing at **10:17 a.m.**

Reopen the Commission Meeting:

Chairman Larson opened the Commission Meeting at **10:17 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEM #5 47:19

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 20-29: Resolution to Adopt Armington Bridge Preliminary Engineering Report. Mary Embleton, Budget Officer, elaborates. **47:39**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 20-29: A Resolution adopting the Armington Bridge Preliminary Engineering Report. **49:10**

Motion carries 3-0 49:58

AGENDA ITEM #6 50:13

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 20-30: Resolution to Accept the Determination that neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate for Cascade County. Mary Embleton, Budget Officer, elaborates. **50:37**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 20-30: A resolution to accept the determination that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is appropriate for Cascade County. **51:42**

Motion carries 3-0 52:31

AGENDA ITEM #7 52:40

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 20-31: Resolution to Authorize submission of the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) construction grant application for the Armington Bridge Replacement. Mary Embleton, Budget Officer, elaborates. **53:00**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 20-31: A resolution to authorize the submission of the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) construction grant application for the Armington Bridge Replacement. **54:30**

Motion carries 3-0 56:18

Public Participation in decisions of the Board and allowance of public comment on matters the Commission has jurisdiction, on items not covered by today's agenda. (MCA 2-3-103)

No comment from the public.

Commissioner Weber made statements concerning payment of future visits by the President of the United States by requesting county expenses to be paid by the White House and/or Republic Party and a separate statement about the current state of affairs regarding racial discrimination in the United States. **57:18 – 1:03:00**
(See *Exhibits B & C*)

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned this Commission Meeting at **10:34 a.m.**