

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2007
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111
9:30 a.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Lance Olson, Commissioner Joe Briggs, Commissioner Peggy Beltrone excused. Brian Clifton, Milo Halverson, Clayton M. Braden, Brian Hopkins, Rina Ft Moore, Luella Vogel, Christine Williams, Steve Erwin, Jackie O'Fallon, and Marie Sickels-Recorder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lance Olson called the meeting to order.

READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Jackie O'Fallon read the calendar.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WARRANTS:

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants # 161641 through #161785 totaling \$441,853.09 dated 11/01/07 through 11/07/07, #161786 through #162119 totaling \$518,115.94 dated 11/08/07 through 11/15/07, and #162120 through #162660 totaling \$891,877.59 dated 11/16/07 through 11/22/07. Payroll warrants #53063 through # 53235 totaling \$122,381.94 and direct deposits totaling \$570,856.76 were issued the month of October.

Motion carries 2-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda, minute/minute entries, and routine contracts as follows.

- Resolution 07-80 Budget Appropriation with Juvenile Detention Services for Community Foundation in the amount of \$10,000
- Resolution 07-81 Budget Modification with Sheriffs Office with State Adult Detention in the amount of \$2,207
- Montana Department of Commerce Contract CDBG-EDPG04-10B Amendment with Economic Development Program extending date to 06/30/09
- Clerk and Recorder request to increase petty cash to \$150.00 in Vital Statistics Area
- Resolution 07-85 Clerk and Recorder agreement for Public Surplus Internet Sales System for Inventory

CITY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Resolution 07-82 Budget Appropriation for Air Pollution Control in the amount of \$27,219
- Resolution 07-83 Budget Appropriation for Safe Kids Safe Communities Project in amount of \$30,000
- Three year Memorandum of Affiliate with MSU-Northern /Dept of Nursing to provide Educational experiences for nursing students as part of their training
- Columbia University Teen Screen Agreement to allow use of Diagnostic Predictive Scales (DPS) for mental health screening

Chairman Olson requested a report of all departments that have till funds and petty cash in their offices. Rina Ft Moore stated she would get that information for them.

Motion carries 2-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION TO APPROVE/DIAPPROVE RESOLUTION 07-84 AMENDING THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR REFUSE DISPOSAL IN CASCADE COUNTY

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to move that the amend the Resolution establishing a Special Improvement District for Refuse Disposal in Cascade County, by assuming the duties of, and acting as, the Board of Directors for the Cascade County Solid Waste District.

Brian Hopkins presented this item by giving a synopsis as found in the Action Agenda Report.

Chairman Olson announced a Public Meeting to be held this Friday November 30, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m.

Motion carries 2-0

AGENDA ITEM #2

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 07-79 CREATION OF MONTANA STATE VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT (VEBA)

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 07-79 creating the Montana State Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association Account (VEBA) for Cascade County employees.

Brian Hopkins gave a synopsis as found in the Agenda Action Report.

There was discussion amongst the Commissioners concerning this program and whether it has union consent and if it would be feasible for the employees.

Clayton M. Braden had concerns about who would be responsible for the money and if it would be kept in a safe account. Chairman Olson gave him a contact number of 1-406-329-5500 for VALIC.

There was further discussion concerning how this program works and that this motion will only allow them to vote to accept this program, and that the program is not mandatory.

Earl Salley approached the Commission and stated that he was glad that VEBA is offered to the employees but feels it should be tailored for each employee so they can use their sick leave however they choose to.

Chairman Olson stated that employees should be aware that these funds are invested and it could fluctuate which could be difficult so close to retirement. He also stated he believed this should be a mandatory program and that employees should have a choice on how their earnings are spent. **Motion carries 2-0**

AGENDA ITEM #3

ELECTION RESULTS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2007

Rina Ft Moore gave an update on the November 6th City of Great Falls Municipal Election held at the Exhibition Hall (see results attached). She stated that overall they added voters in every precinct. Chairman Olson congratulated Rina and her staff for providing a nice atmosphere and he felt it was going to work despite his hesitation in the beginning.

Mr. Braden requested figures to be given to the Tribune reporter.

AGENDA ITEM #4

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS OF BOARD AND ALLOWANCE OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS THE COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION

Chairman Lance Olson welcomed public comment at this time.

Mr. Braden approached the Commission to share his concerns about one Commissioner that is gone a lot and questioned if the taxpayers are paying for the trips, and wages. He also stated he would like an update or summary of the meetings attended. He mentioned possibly replacing if not attending meetings.

Commissioner Briggs stated the County is not paying for the trips, and that law does not require day to day attendance, and the electorate can decide this.

Milo Halverson presented some figures concerning the option tax. (See information attached). Chairman Olson was interested in the figures Mr. Halverson presented and stated he would be look further into this. There was further discussion concerning the tax

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be a work session held on December 5, 2007 at 2 p.m.