

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 25, 2008**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111  
9:30 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Lance Olson, Commissioner Peggy Beltrone. Commissioner Joe Briggs excused.

Rina Ft Moore, Brad Clark, Clayton M. Braden, Brian Clifton, Steve Bolstad, Dewey D. Goering, John Nerud, Richard Liebert, Ellen Stinar, Steve Erwin, Luella Vogel, Jackie O'Fallon, Media, and Marie Sickels-Recorder.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR:** Jackie O'Fallon read the calendar, additions and corrections made.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**WARRANTS:**

- Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #165644 through # 165828 totaling \$849,143.04 dated 3/07//08 through 3/13/08. **Motion carries 2-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the consent agenda and minute and minute entries and routine contracts as follows;

- ❖ **Resolution 08-25 Budget Appropriation with County Attorney transferring funds from Youth in Need of Care Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$7,3842**
- ❖ **Resolution 08-26 Budget Appropriation County Attorney in the amount of \$2,056 from from Weed & Seed Grant**
- ❖ **Cascade County Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee Operating Guidelines**
- ❖ **Contract with the State of Montana Office of Court Administrator and 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Youth Court with Cascade County Regional Youth Services Center for Curfew Checks in the amount of \$15,450 terminating on June 30, 2009**
- ❖ **Agreement with Sievert & Sievert CRC- Architect to repair Courthouse roof in the amount of \$4,200**
- ❖ **Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) agreement with L'Heureux, Page, Werner PC for High Plains(AKA History Museum) landscaping in the amount of \$14,789.40**

**CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- ❖ **Resolution 08-27 Budget Appropriation for additional revenue in the amount of \$160 for HIV Prevention**
- ❖ **Resolution 08-28 Budget Appropriation correcting posting error in the amount of \$21. For 2007 Tuberculosis Contract**
- ❖ **Agreement with Five Falls Christian School to provide 10 hours of School Nurse Services during 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$28 per hour**

- ❖ **DPHHS #08-07-4-51-102-0 Master Contract for HIV Management & Support Services delivery in the amount \$5,856**
- ❖ **Contract with United Healthcare allowing Health Department direct submission of insurance claims on behalf of patients**

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PETITION TO DISCONTINUE COUNTY STREETS AND A COUNTY ALLEY**

John Nerud presented a letter to the Commission from Mr. Marty Harvey requesting a delay for this public hearing (letter included in minutes). Mr. Nerud stated he would like to have a preliminary survey needs to be done. The Commission pulled this item.

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BID AWARD FOR 2008 NATURAL GAS CONTRACT**

Commissioner Beltrone requested a presentation on this item prior to the reading of the motion.

Brad Clark Building Maintenance Supervisor presented a revised agenda action report. He stated that he contacted Commercial Energy of Montana Inc, and Energy West Resources for updated prices, he mentioned both parties were blind to each other's quotes (see revised Agenda Action Report attached). After lengthy discussion a motion was made.

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to engage Energy West Resources to supply Natural Gas to Cascade County under index pricing for a period beginning April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

Mr. Clark mentioned that it would be best to extend the contract to the year 2011.

Commissioner Beltrone **AMENDED THE MOTION** to engage Energy West Resources to supply Natural Gas to Cascade County under index pricing for a period beginning April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2011.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting to comment.

Richard Liebert questioned how many county offices use natural gas and if the County has taken advantage of any energy rebates. Commissioner Beltrone stated that the County has hired a company to do an analysis on energy efficiency for county offices.

Clayton M. Braden requested the Commission restate the amended motion, and questioned the natural gas prices.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

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

Chairman Olson opened the meeting for public comment.

Leonard Lundby gave a report from the Rural Fire Council stating they are improving dispatch with preplanned run cards which allow them to get to a structure fire the quickest way possible. He stated they were running some public service announcements to inform the public about burning permits, due to the number of illegal burns in the

county. Ag burning permits were also discussed. In closing Mr. Lundby mentioned that they would like to have support from the Commission in an upcoming Bosses night recognition dinner to show appreciation to employers support for firefighters.

Richard Liebert concurred with looking into issuing Ag permits and felt that recognizing bosses was a great idea. He also gave the Commission heads up on an upcoming City annexation. He continued with questioning the copy fees charged at County offices for documents. He felt that fifty cents was an excessive charge and asked if this could be reexamined. Brian Clifton stated he charges fees according to Statute and all his documents that are electronically available are given for free. Rina Ft Moore stated that the copy fees are in the Montana Codes Annotated.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next regular meeting will be a work session held on April 9, 2008 at 2 p.m.