

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 13, 2008  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111  
9:30 a.m.**

**Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b)**

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

Staff - Brian Clifton, Brian Hopkins, Jess Anderson, Susan Conell, Dave Sutton, Tony Morrison, Brian Shepherd, Audrey Finlayson, Carol Benoit, Steve Bolstad, C.B Corneliusen, Jackie O'Fallon, and Marie Sickels-Recorder.

Public- Herb Sobeczek, Clayton M. Braden, Milo Halverson, Karl Puckett, John Wheaton, Shawn Kuzara, Marvin Miller, Jim Larson.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS:**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants # 166177 through #167353 totaling \$553,889.41 dated 4/18/2008 through 4/23/2008, also purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #167354 through #167606 totaling \$1,239,933.29 dated 4/25/2008 through 5/01/2008. In addition payroll checks #57377 through #54544 totaling \$110,235.58 and direct deposits totaling \$596,733.86 were issued for the month of April. And purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #167607 through #167770 totaling \$530,827.30 dated 5/2/2008 through 5/8/2008.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- ❖ Resolution 08- 39 Budget Modification w/Specific County Departments Moving Released PP&L Funds to Capital Reserve in the Amount Of \$3,928,682.
- ❖ Resolution 08-40 Budget Appropriation w/Sheriff's Office for Central Montana Drug Task Force in the Amount Of \$119,734.
- ❖ Resolution 08-41 Budget Modification W/Sheriff's Office transferring \$204,531 For Payroll from State Adult Detention to Adult Detention.

- ❖ Resolution 08-42 Budget Modification W/General Fund in Commission Office In The Amount Of \$2,500 for Office Supplies.
- ❖ Resolution 08-43 Budget Appropriation W/Neighborhood Housing For Pass-Through Grant In The Amount Of \$200,000. For Neighbor Works.
- ❖ Water Softener Unit from Culligan Water for County Shops In The Amount Of \$4,289.
- ❖ DPHHS Contract # 08-22A-A008 Cascade County Area VIII Agency On Aging In The Amount Of \$812,385 For The Delivery Of Services To Older Individuals.
- ❖ Agreement between Gateway Community Services and Cascade County to provide alcohol treatment, rehabilitation & prevention services for FY09 in the Amount of \$104,400.
- ❖ Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement w/Dept Of Agriculture And Cascade Weed Dept To Contain The Spread Of Purple Loosestrife In The Amount Of \$4,000.
- ❖ Reappointment of William A Brown to the Ulm Fire Fee Service Area with term terminating in 2011.
- ❖ Reappointment of Royce A Shipley to the Gore Hill Fire Fee Service Area with term terminating in 2011.

#### **CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- ❖ 20 Hour per Week Employment Contract with Family Nurse Practitioner Raymone Annau at a Rate of \$27.12 (Increase of 0.78) Subaward Agreement 02817-872C Amendment 07 w/Regents of the University Of New Mexico In The Amount Of \$11,912. for in school Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Screening.
- ❖ Employment Contract w/Nora Norum, M.D. in the amount of \$116,005.92 annually (3% increase \$3,378.72)
- ❖ Business Associate Contract w/Sletten Cancer Institute for the purpose of sharing patient information to assist for cancer screening.

Chairman Olson invited comments on the consent agenda.

Herb Sobeczek approached the Commission and questioned the quality of water at the new county shops, and the reason for the \$4,000 water softener plus monthly fees. He reminded the Commission that he questioned the quality of water before the building of the shops. Brian Clifton stated the reason for the softener was to extend the life of the new equipment and machinery being used. Mr. Sobeczek commented on how it must not be good water.

Chairman Olson mentioned the wages increases for DPHHS are set by their board that negotiates those contracts in which the Commission has no control over.

**Motion carries 2-0 to approve consent agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 08-44 REZONING PARCELS #2475510 AND #2475505 FROM AGRICULTURE TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to adopt the Staff Report and Findings of Fact and approve the Resolution of Intention to rezone Parcels #2475510 and #2475505 in Section 27, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, P.M.M., Cascade County, Montana, from “A-1” Agricultural to “R – 1” Suburban Residential District.”

Susan Conell gave the background for this rezoning and stated the only visible changes would be a change in the fence lines.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT OF PHASE XII FOR BIG BEND RANCH**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to conditionally approve the Final Subdivision Plat of Phase XII, Big Bend Ranch. This proposed subdivision is located in Section 10, Township 19N, Range 3 East, P.M.M. Cascade County, and the accompanying Findings of Fact, subject to 7 conditions.”

Susan Conell gave a synopsis stating this phase will create nine additional residential tracts. And that his subdivision will have a fiscal impact with regard to the additional use of Fox Farm and/of Flood Road.

Herb Sobeczek raised his concerns about the effect on local services, with limited services and not enough man power.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE MADISON AQUIFER PROJECT.**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve support and sponsorship of this proposal.”

John Wheaton, Marv Miller, Shawn Kuzara of Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology gave a presentation on this project and passed out a handout (attached). They stated that the reason for this study is to gain knowledge of the aquifer characteristics that will protect existing water users and help county planners and regulatory agencies manage future uses of the aquifer.

Chairman Olson stated they were happy to support with their grant application which is in the process.

Commissioner Briggs thanked them for their involvement in a needed project. There was some discussion amongst the public audience concerning this issue.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 08-45 CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR MOBILE HOMES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the cancellation of taxes for mobile homes in the amount of \$13,413.73 and cancellation of personal property taxes in the amount of \$58,822.33.

Jess Anderson, Treasurer stated that these old mobile home and personal property taxes that are not liens on real estate and that have been delinquent for five years or more.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #5**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BID COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDER FOR COUNTY'S SELF FUNDED EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the selection committee recommendation to the three year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana for third party administrative services. The contract will include certain reporting performance requirements with a penalty for non-compliance.”

Randy Hand Finance Director stated this has been an interesting process and that the committee is recommending a three year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana.

Commissioner Briggs stated the service rate is very competitive from what was historically paid with added non-compliance penalties.

Chairman Olson complimented the RFP Administration Review Committee, Human Resources and Fiscal Department on the productive process.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RATES AND BENEFITS**

“Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the recommendation of the Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee.”

Brian Shepherd Interim-Chair of the Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee recommended to keep our benefits the same for this coming fiscal year and to request the Board of Commissioners to put \$482,696.19 at risk from our reserves in order to keep the premiums where they are.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM#7**

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

Chairman Olson announced Audrey Finlayson and thanked her for her hard work with RSVP. He also greeted Jim Larson whom is running for Commissioner.

Chairman Olson welcomed public comment at this time.

Clayton M. Braden approached the Commission with concerns about the public not stating their names and addresses when approaching the Commission; he also stated they do not speak loud enough to be heard. Chairman Olson stated the staff will not disclose their home addresses.

Herb Sobeczek approached the Commission with concern about Smelter Avenue and other county roads. Chairman Olson suggested he submit the addresses so they check on it. He also had concerns with the burrow pit on 11<sup>th</sup> street and the solid waste contract.

Milo Halverson approached the Commission with handouts (attached) concerning information about the option tax. Further discussion followed. Milo requested that the option tax be lowered or at least stay even with the other counties, he commented that you can't have a champagne appetite on beer income.

Jess Anderson thanked Karl Puckett from The Great Falls Tribune for his article informing the taxpayers of the recent construction and to mail their taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting will be a work session held on May 21, 2008 at 2 p.m.