

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 8, 2008  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111  
9:30 p.m.**

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

**PRESENT:**

**Commission-** Chairman Lance Olson excused, Commissioner Peggy Beltrone. Commissioner Joe Briggs, present and acting as Vice-Chairman.

**Staff-** Allene Mares, Brian Hopkins, Brian Clifton, Rina Ft. Moore, Lisa McGilvra and Marie Sickels.

**Public** – Clayton M. Braden, Lisa Legan, Mary Jolley, Patty Kain, Mike Stoller, Kelly Stoller, Mike Abbott, Eric Hanson, James L. Larson, Rich Ecke and media.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Joe Briggs Olson called the meeting to order.

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

**DEDICATION OF THE JULY 8, 2008 COMMISSION MEETING TO  
HERMAN J. SOBECZEK**

Vice Chairman Briggs stated the Commission would like to dedicate this meeting to Herman ‘Sobi’ Sobeczek a retired Chief Master Sergeant at Malstrom Air Force Base and a 30 year veteran of the Air Force. He passed away on June 22, 2008. Herb was a staunch advocate for Black Eagle and all residents of Cascade County. His dedication to his community was highly regarded and hard to duplicate. He will be missed. Vice Chairman Briggs stated they still were working on a few things that were presented by Herb.

**READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR:** Lisa McGilvra read the calendar.

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

Commissioner Beltone made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants # 169149 through #169780 totaling \$342,598.83 dated 6/20/2008 through 6/26/2008. Checks #169149 through #169353 were void. In addition, payroll checks #54985 totaling \$143,747.74 and payroll direct deposits of \$749,505.62 were issued in the month of June. Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #169781 through #170050 totaling \$810,577.36 dated 6/27/2008 through 6/30/2008. **Motion carries 3-0**

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- ❖ Resolution 08-61 in the Matter to Discontinue a Portion of Prospect Drive Kennedy Addition in Belt. *This item is an old Resolution created in 2003 that was never recorded.*
- ❖ Resolution 08-62 Budget Modification within Aging Services for remodeling the Benefis Court Facility in the amount of \$21,177.00.
- ❖ Agreement between Cascade County and the City Of Great Falls for the Benefis West Minor Subdivision for Aging Services
- ❖ Special County and Reservation Noxious Weed Grant in the amount Of \$7,500.00.
- ❖ Agreement with Kenco Security for monitoring of the New County Shops in the amount of \$31.50 per day
- ❖ Agreement with Hessler Architects for the Weed and Mosquito Chemical Building for Design and Bid in the amount of \$15,590.00.

## **CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- ✓ Agreement with Great Falls Housing Authority for the WIC Program to use Dronen Hall for a weekly WIC Clinic free of charge.
- ✓ Dex Media Advertising Authorization Order for the Community Health Care Center Yellow Page Ad at a rate of \$241.00 per month.
- ✓ Renewal of Dr. Julie Wood's Employment Contract in the amount of \$147,492.80 annually.
- ✓ Renewal Contract of Yellowstone City-County Health Department (DBA Riverstone Health) Ryan White Part C for the Provision of early intervention services for HIV positive clients in the amount of \$15,000.00
- ✓ Breast And Cervical Contract #09-07-301-002-0 for the purpose of serving as an administrative site to implement a

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and Early Detection Program in the Counties of Cascade and Choteau in the amount of \$26,000.00.

- ✓ Shortgrass Web Development Contract to create a CCHD web site highlighting main program areas and site maintenance and upgrades in the amount of \$14,500.00.
- ✓ Maternal Child Health Contract # 09-07-5-01-007-0 with DPHHS in the amount of \$97,326.000.

Clayton M. Braden questioned the agreement with Kenco security at the new county shops. He asked if the amount of \$31.50 per month included the security equipment. Brian Clifton stated the security equipment was included in the shop build and this is just a maintenance fee to assist with emergency services. Mr. Braden also questioned the position of Julie Woods at the City/County Health Department and if she had the proper certification to do what she does. Allene Mares stated she is the Lead Physician and Medical Director at the clinic and is a licensed physician.

**Motion carries 3-0 to approve consent agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE USDA FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the USDA Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, Memorandum of Agreement #08-07-5-21-080-0 with City/County Health Department to provide Farmers Market Nutrition Education and Farmers Market checks to eligible WIC participants in the amount of \$8,000.00

Allene Mares, Health Officer for the City/County Health Department gave the background of this program (found in the agenda action report).

Commissioner Beltrone stated this program was a good step in the right direction and felt it was important to instill good nutrition.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BREASTFEEDING PEER SUPPORT CONTRACT WITH CITY/COUNTY HEALTH**

**DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve contract #08-08-521-033-0 amendments #1 with City/County Health Department and Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of increasing breastfeeding rates through expansion of breastfeeding through peer counseling programs in the amount of \$17,641.00.

Allene Mares, Health Officer for the City/County Health Department gave the background of this program (found in the agenda action report).

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CONTRACT WITH CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve contract #104031 with City/County Health Department and the Montana of Department of Transportation for the purpose of executing that the safe routes to school non-infrastructure project in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Allene Mares, Health Officer for the City/County Health Department gave the background of this program (found in the agenda action report).

Commissioner Beltrone thanked Allene for applying for this grant and believes that this could become a model program for the state. Vice Chairman Briggs echoed Commission Beltrone comments and added how he remembered when we all walked to school.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE 06-03A**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 06-03A.

Brian Hopkins read the Litter Control Ordinance and stated it would go into effect on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Mr. Braden asked if government agencies were included in the ordinance since the ditch in the front of his place is eight inches high and has been uncut. After some discussion it was decided that tall grass does not fall under this ordinance but should be brought to the Road Departments attention. Mr.

Braden also commented on the 400 county employees that don't see or report such incidents. There was no response from the Commission.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM # 5**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE DONATION OF MATCHING FUNDS TO THE DRACUT STONE BARN COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000.00**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the donation of matching funds to the Dracut Stone Barn Company in the amount of \$5000.00.

Ellen Sievert gave a presentation of the Dracut Junction Stone Barn and requested matching funds of \$5000.00. She stated it was built in 1885 and was a stage stop, held meat for Fort Shaw and was a shelter for animals. She stated a new roof is being installed with hopes of new windows in the future. There was further discussion concerning the barn and possible uses in the future.

**Motion carries 2-0**

**AGENDA ITEM#6**

**PUBLIC HEARING WITH A MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 08-63 CREATING THE HEAVENS VIEW RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT**

Vice Chairman Briggs opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

Brian Hopkins read the background and stated this process has been restarted and bids had to be updated.

Vice Chairman Briggs requested that public notices be placed in the records and waived the reading of the public notice.

Vice Chairman Briggs then called for **Proponents**; Three times in which there were none.

Vice Chairman Briggs then called for **Opponents**:

Michael and Kellie Stoller approached the Commission stating they purchased their lot in January of 2008. Michael stated that their property taxes would increase by 60%. He requested this be revised to only graveling the road and not paving it. Kellie raised her concerns about the excessive rate of speed and the safety of the children on their way to the bus stop.

Vice Chairman Briggs mentioned that the final proposal included graveled road not paved and reminded them that this will continue to be a private road with public access and not be maintained by the County.

Mr. Braden questioned that amount for 34 properties which would cost them nearly \$1,000.00 a year for ten years; he mentioned he did not have that kind of money.

Lisa Legan stated she has a number of aggravations, and over sights with this project. She asked why the roads were not set up to spec prior to the creation of the subdivision, why did one petition specify paving the road and the other petition state graveling, she question why there was an increase in the cost and noted that several landowners did not receive the second letter stating the increased assessment. She continued by stating her frustration in raising the fees another \$20 because of an oversight, and questioned who was responsible for this oversight. She reminded the Commission that many of the people own more than parcel and would have to pay double for ten years for a road that will not be maintained. In closing she informed the Commission that United Materials came in a scraped away the remaining gravel and asked what would happen if this doesn't pass.

Mike Abbott stated that this increased cost needs to have equity between the graveled and paved part of the road. He noted that only 8 residents will reside on the gravel part in which the others will not help them maintain it. He also questioned the Commission on how many people are objecting to this.

Vice Chairman Briggs stated he had determined that 14 residents were objecting this.

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 08-63 for Heavens View Lane Rural Special Improvement District (RSID).

Vice Chairman Briggs stated that he was concerned about what people believed due to the first petition and the revised assessments. He also stated he lives in this area and went through this before. He reminded them that the County just lends the money to help them improve the roads, but do not maintain them.

He also stated the subdivision regulations have changed and the developers must have a road to county specs prior to the filing of the subdivision. He wants to start at square one and begin over once the neighbors work out and equitable solution. He felt it was not his job to increase property taxes for a private road and there were still too many questions.

Commissioner Beltrone stated she was on the flip side of this and since the residents brought this to the Commission for action she would support this. She

had concerns about an increase in assessment fees to complete the work at a later date, so did not want to start the process all over.

The Commission looked to Brian Hopkins for legal direction. Mr. Hopkins stated that there were some concerns about notification of all parties and stated this would have to come forth again.

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to table and revisit Resolution 08-63 for Heavens View Lane Rural Special Improvement District (RSID) without inflationary costs.

**Motion carries 2-0**

It was decided to revisit this at the next Commission meeting held on July 8, 2008. Before that time the Commission would meet with the residents at a meeting to discuss this RSID.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

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

Vice Chairman Joe Briggs welcomed public comment at this time.

John Watts approached the Commission to speak on two items. He echoed the sentiments for Herb Sobeczek stating he will be missed and sent his condolences to his family and friends. In addition he made the Commission aware of the situation Cable 7 is in, stating they were working out of a home closet and the work force was being cut in half. He warned the Commission that this might affect the broadcast of their meetings and requested that a new Board be formed to write grants and do fundraising. He stated the City does not care about other broadcasting other than their meetings and community message bulletins.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Courthouse Annex.**

Regular Commission meeting will be July 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. and work session will be held on July 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.