

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 23, 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, Commissioner Joe Briggs and Peggy Beltrone. **Staff seated with Commission** –Brian Hopkins, Brian Clifton, and Marie Sickels.

Many members of the public, media and other departments did not sign in. The list below reflects the entries on the sign in sheet (see attached sheet of sign ins). J C Kantorowicz, Milo Halverson Clayton M. Braden, Joshua Racki, Steve Bolstad, John Stevens, Bob Edwards, ReAnn Rothwell, Dave Campbell, Dave Sutton, C.B. Corneliusen, David Castle, Zach Franz, Bill Salina, Karl Puckett.

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

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

**READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR:** Dorothy Holzheu read the calendar, with some additions and corrections.

**Chairman Olson announced that they would be making the new County Attorney Appointment at the beginning of this meeting.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to appoint John Parker to the position of County Attorney.

Chairman Olson mentioned that this was his last Commission meeting and how he hasstrived to provide the public with information. Therefore; he placed two emails for the record that confirmed his decision to appoint John Parker to this position.

Commissioners Beltrone and Briggs congratulated him on his new position and the birth of new son.

John Parker thanked the Commission for this opportunity and honor. He stated it was humbling to follow Brandt Light and he appreciated the privilege to learn from him. He also stated he was proud to serve Cascade County and is looking forward to working with them.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**WARRANTS:** Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants # 174601 through #174819 totaling \$1,084,939.86 dated 12/05/08 through 12/11/08. Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #174820 through #175135 totaling \$1,107,613.92 dated 12/12/08 through 12/18/08.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- ✓ Resolution 08-108 budget appropriation within the Sherriff's office for the Boat Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$1,746.
- ✓ Resolution 08-109 budget appropriation within the Commissioner's office for parenting wisely in the amount \$2,845.
- ✓ Resolution 08-110 budget appropriation within the Commissioner's office for the Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$63,802.
- ✓ Agreement with Aging Services RSVP to renew host agency agreement with Experience Works.
- ✓ Lease agreement with Great Falls Community Food bank and Meals on Wheels in the amount of \$10,800 annually for two years.

**Board Appointments**

- ✓ Reappointment of JC Kantorowicz to the Great Falls Airport Authority Board for a three year term
- ✓ Reappointment of Ken Holman and Robert Turney to the Weed and Mosquito Management for three year terms
- ✓ Reappointment of Leonard Lundby and appointment of Sissy Girtman to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for two year terms

## **City County Health Department**

- Resolution 08-111 budget appropriation for the Women, Infants, and Children Program in the amount of \$314,567.
- Resolution 08-112 budget appropriation for the Emergency Preparedness Program in the amount of \$117,512.
- Resolution 08-113 budget appropriation for the Women, Infants and Children Breast Feeding Support Program in the amount of \$13,333.
- Resolution 08-114 budget appropriation for the Safe Routes to School Program in the amount of \$25,000.
- DPHHS Contract #09-07-301-044-0 Amendment One of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

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

### **AGENDA ITEM #1**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 08-116 FOR THE FINAL REZONING OF PARCEL #2688600 FROM A-2 (AGRICULTURAL) TO I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the final resolution to rezone Parcel #2688600 in Section 19, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, from “A-2” Agricultural to “I-2” Heavy Industrial.

Brian Clifton presented this item stating that there was no comment or protest. Chairman Olson affirmed that the fire protection issue will be addressed at a later date.

**Motion carries 3-0**

### **AGENDA ITEM #2**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BID AWARD FOR THE TWO NEW MOTOR GRADERS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to award the motor grader bid to the Tractor and Equipment Co.

Dave Sutton presented this item. There was some discussion on graders available and specs are being met.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 08-01 ESTABLISHING THE CASCADE COMMUNITY HEALTH DISTRICT**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to table the first reading of Ordinance 08-01 creating the Cascade Community Health District.

This item was tabled at this time awaiting unanswered questions.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #5**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 08-115 BUDGET MODIFICATION WITH IN THE SHERIFFS OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$508,861**

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to disapprove Resolution 08-115 in the matter of a budget modification within the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$508,861.

Commissioner Briggs stated that it took him ten minutes to find \$120,000 in errors, and that does not address the budget issues.

Sheriff Castle stated this did not surprise him, he stated the Commissioners were inept in their understanding of the budget and arrogant to rob his operations budget. He also stated this would affect public safety and he would forward the calls to them.

There was further discussion concerning this matter. (Refer to budget information provided in the agenda packet.)

Sheriff Castle ended by commanding the Commission take a stand.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #6**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS OF BOARD AND ALLOWANCE OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS THE COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION, ON ITEMS NOT COVERED BY TODAY'S AGENDA.**

Chairman Olson opened the meeting to public comment.

J C Kantorowicz thanked the Commission for their support and confidence. He also personally thanked Chairman Olson for the years of dedication, service and told him he would be missed.

Milo Halverson reminded the Commission (see exhibit "C") about the option tax and how he has been paying it for years and is not sure why? He questioned why the Commission voted on raising the fee. He mentioned that he had talked

to a senator to get it removed. Commissioner Briggs and Chairman Olson concurred then stated that is how to get it removed.

Milo Halverson stated that he was working with MACO and hoped he got things across to the Commission this time and that he won't be back.

Clayton M. Braden thanked Chairman Olson for putting up with them, and stated that there will be a lot of new changes with the new President. He mentioned the need for equal protection for all.

John Watts thanked Chairman Olson by stating that "this is the end of the road mate".

He also requested his copies of the emails concerning Area 51, and the Kennedy Assassination.

Milo Halverson shared more information about the option tax that was passed by Resolution 94-53 and that only a few people were at the public hearing. He thanked Chairman Olson for his service and ended with a very witty comment.

Commissioner Beltrone told Chairman Olson that it has been enjoyable working with him and that he is a favorite of hers. She appreciated how he was always prepared and listened. In addition she has learned a lot from him and enjoyed the great relationship.

Chairman Olson thanked her stating it has been a great ride.

Commissioner Briggs echoed Commissioner Beltrone's well deserved sentiments. He added that Chairman Olson has been an anchor, and a leader that has accomplished great things. He closed by stating an overwhelming credit goes to him for the work done.

Chairman Olson stated that it meant a lot coming from the two of them and he realizes how the proficient the County's Staff is. He stated that the new Commissioner will find out how easy it is to work with the staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

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

The next meeting will be a Commission meeting that will be held on Tuesday January 13, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.