

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2009
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:

Commission- Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioners Peggy Beltrone, and Bill Salina. **Staff seated with Commission** – Brian Clifton, Brian Hopkins, Carey Ann Shannon, Randy Hand, Jess Anderson, Lisa McGilvra 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). Robert D. Stubbs, K. Cox, Leyetta Way, Steve Erwin, Stacey Bird, Chris Ward, C.B Corneliusen, Tom Meech and media.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Lisa McGilvra read the calendar, with some additions and corrections.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Briggs announced that Agenda Item #4 would be pulled and acted on at a special meeting to be held on April 12, @ 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers. This would allow the appropriate public notice on this item.

AGENDA ITEM #4

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH VISION ONE TO PROVIDE THE TICKETING SYSTEM FOR THE MONTANA EXPO PARK

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WARRANTS: Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants # 176716 through #176966 totaling \$714,289.37 dated 02/20/09 through 02/26/09. Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #176967 through #177159 totaling \$238,086.17 dated 02/27/09 through 03/04/09. In addition, payroll warrants #56534 through #56681 were issued totaling \$99,785.18 and direct deposits totaling \$663,956.95 were issued during the month of February.

Motion carries 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- Resolution 09-19 Budget Appropriation within Cascade County for the release of protested taxes in the amount of \$454,604
- Resolution 09-20 Budget Appropriation within the Commission Office for the Windy Fund in the amount of \$2,350
- Resolution 09-21 Budget Modification within the Clerk and Records Office for Elections and Records Preservation in the amount of \$37,426
- Resolution 09-26 Budget Modification within the Clerk and Records Office for supplies in the amount of \$1000
- Resolution 09-11A amendment to Resolution 09-11 to correct that activity and sub-activity codes
- Lease Agreement with Tom Dimke to rent 3,400 square feet of storage space in the Tribune Plaza for three years in the amount of \$4,800 per year

City/County Health Department

- ✓ Resolution 09-22 Budget Modification for capital expenditures in the amount of \$24,236
- ✓ Resolution 09-23 Budget Modification for maximization of grant funds in the amount of \$7,500
- ✓ Resolution 09-24 Budget Appropriation for a grant received for the WIC Farmers Market Program in the amount of \$41,458
- ✓ Resolution 09-25 Budget Appropriation for a grant received for the HIV Prevention Program in the amount of \$41,458

There was no discussion concerning the above items.

Motion carries 3-0 to approve consent agenda.

AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE WEED AND MOSQUITO CHEMICAL BUILDING WATER AND SEWER INSTALLATION

Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to award the Cascade County Weed and Mosquito Chemical Building Water and Sewer installation work base bid and additive alternative bid to Phillips Construction LLC in the amount of \$37,836.00 and instruct staff to work with Big Sky Civil and Environmental Engineering in preparing Notice of Award, Agreement, and Bond documents for the distribution to the selected contractor.

Brian Clifton gave the synopsis of this item which can be found in the Agenda Packet. There was no further comment. **Motion carries 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #2

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT AWARD WITH L'HEUREUX PAGE WARNER FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD COUNTY JAIL

Commissioner Beltrone made a **MOTION** to approve the agreement with L'Heureux Page Warner for renovations to the Old County Jail.

Randy Hand stated that this is the contract to apply for the CTEP application and this renovation will be a long term project that will be done in phases. The parking lot will be the first phase to be decided.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #3

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 09-27 ALLOWING THE CREATION OF A VEVA SUB-GROUP WITHIN CASCADE COUNTY

Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 09-27 creating a Montana State (VEBA) Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (HRA) Health Reimbursement Account subgroup for the Cascade County Road and Bridge Department employees.

Mark Peterson Assistant Road Foreman presented this item stating that they are only offering it to the Road and Bridge employees and felt it was not county government's decision to decide if they should be in the program. Stacey Bird Human Resource Director stated that she did prepare a pro and con list for the Commission to preview. Commissioner Beltrone defined (VEBA) stating it is a Volunteer Employee Benefit Association and that the Road Department is petitioning the Commission to provide these benefits for them and to bring it to just one county department. Carey Ann Shannon stated after extensive review she had issues with the interpretation of the statute and if the benefits would follow the employee or not. She also stated this program would be mandatory for new employees unless they disband. Commissioner Beltrone stated after a majority vote the Board would certify the members. Chairman Briggs stated the interpretation of the statute does vary, and he is concerned although he supports the concept and understands that those close to retirement are seeking this to their advantage. But he does not want to lock some employees in that should be their choice. He is hoping there will be a way out if possible or someway to undo it if needed. Commissioner Beltrone stated once this statute matures and they see how it impacts the retirees they will need to look at it again, and possible request legislation to modify it as needed. Commissioner Salina stated it is not the intentions of the Commission to dictate how employees retire; also it is not a department's right to dictate or restrict other employees. He stated it would be best to allow the employee the greatest amount of autonomy. Commissioner Briggs thanked the staff for all their hard work on researching this project.

Motion carries 3-0

This item is pulled due to allowance for public notice and will be acted on at a special meeting on this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

AGENDA ITEM#4

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH VISION ONE TO PROVIDE THE TICKETING SYSTEM FOR THE MONTANA EXPO PARK

Commissioner Beltrone suggested this item still be presented and allowance for public comment, allowed so they do not inconvenience anyone.

Tom Meech presented this item stating due to the high convenience fees charged by Ticketmaster so they decided to look at some different vendors for ticket services. VisonOne provides ShoWare which seems to be the best program for the ticketing services. Chairman Briggs stated they seem to provide services at a better rate and might offer remote kiosks in the future in order to sell tickets in other areas.

AGENDA ITEM #5

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 Briggs opened the meeting to public comment.

Clayton M. Braden approached the Commission to question Resolution 09-26 in which Chairman Briggs stated it was within the Consent Agenda under the City/County Health Department. Mr. Braden also question if the upcoming special meeting would be open to public comment. Chairman Briggs confirmed it would be as all Commission meetings allow for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

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

The next meeting will be a work session meeting that will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.