

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 26TH, 2009
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111

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

PRESENT: Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Bill Salina, Commissioner Peggy Beltrone, Lisa Mcgilvra, Brian Clifton, Brian Hopkins, Carey Ann Shannon, Jess Anderson, Vince Kolar, Matt Austin, Carol Benoit, Karl Puckett, Steve Erwin, Blue Corneliusen, Marianne Granlie & Rina Fontana Moore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Commissioner Beltrone moved to approve the report of the approved purchase orders.
Motion Carries 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Beltrone moved to approve the following consent agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

APPROVAL OF ROUTINE CONTRACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- Resolution 09-44 Treasurer's Office listing of five year delinquent personal property taxes.
- Resolution 09-45 Budget Appropriation within the Eden Bridge Fund for a reimbursement in the amount of \$4,617.
- Agreement with The Office Center for maintenance on the Department of Emergency Services Copier in the amount of \$540.00 for a period of one year.
- Lease Agreement Amendment with Pacific Steel for the Rainbow Dam Road Site.

Brian Hopkins noted that the agreement was being amended to allow Cascade County to provide a license to the air force.

Chairman Briggs noted that this was a repeater station for the county's communications.

- Agreement with Camp Rotary for use at the Monarch Solid Waste Transfer Site.

City County Health Department

- Resolution 09-50 Budget Appropriation within the Women Infants and Children Farmers Market program to maximize grant funds.
- Resolution 09-51 Budget Modification within the Tobacco and AIDS Consortium fund to maximize grant funds.

- Memorandum of Understanding #09-07-5-21-080-0 with the Department of Health and Human Services for the USDA Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.
- Department of Health and Human Services Task Order #10-07-3-01-044-0 for the Montana Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.
- Employment contract with Adam J. Huhn, DDS for one year in the amount of \$110,000.00.

Motion Carries 3-0

1. **Motion to Approve/Disapprove Resolution 09-46 creating the Sand Coulee Water District and setting the election of its Board of Trustees.**

Presented by **Brian Hopkins**. **Brian Hopkins** explained that the original resolution was being amended to combine the election of the trustees with that of the district and to also authorize a mail ballot election be run with an election day of August 4th.

Commissioner Salina moved to approve.

Motion Carries 3-0.

2. **Motion to Approve/Disapprove Resolution 09-47 for the TSEP grant application for Sand Coulee.**

Presented by **Brian Hopkins**. **Brian Hopkins** noted that this was to allow the county to apply for a grant on behalf of the Sand Coulee Water Users Association. He commented that the district is not created yet and could not apply themselves until after the election. The county could apply for the grant and upon the creation of the district, the county can decide whether they would want to continue to administer the grant or turn it over to the district. Brian also noted that the request for the county to apply for the TSEP had been submitted by Neil Consultants on behalf of the Sand Coulee Water Users.

Commissioner Beltrone moved to approve.

Motion Carries 3-0

3. **Motion to Approve/Disapprove Resolution 09-48 for the financing of the performance contracting with Johnson Controls.**

Presented by **Randy Hand**. **Carey Ann Shannon** stated that this item was not complete yet and that it should be tabled.

Commissioner Salina moved to table this agenda item

Motion Carries 3-0

4. **Motion to Approve/Disapprove the contract for the Vanadium Battery.**

Commissioner Beltrone moved to take this off the table and back to active discussion.

Motion Carries 3-0

Commissioner Beltrone moved to approve the contract with Vanadium Battery.

Chairman Briggs asked Commissioner Betrone to clarify this issue.

Commissioner Beltrone noted that in May of last year, a company by the name of Ashlann, LLC out of Virginia came and spoke about wind energy. The test contemplated had been a large project. The traction was not there and the technology was not proven and there was no interest in this technology last year. The company decided that it would be too big a bite for this company to take, with a large scale wind developer. The county offered a smaller test, a mid-point test for a smaller battery at the county shop. To make sure that it would work. The county has been in discussion since August and the private investors have come together. Northwest and a company out of Helena, known as Exergy Development. The test will be hosted at the county shop and the wind turbine battery will be built and installed at the shop. Tests will be conducted to see how this battery will work out. This test is key to making this a viable commercial product. The county interest is to be able to work with the College of Technology to make this work and perhaps this battery could be produced within Cascade County. We were in the right place, but we are a long way off, and this is a very good start. May not be for large wind parks and may only be good for smaller parks, but hopefully this will prove to make our wind resources even more valuable. All players will get together next week.

Commissioner Salina moved to approve.

Motion Carries 3-0

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.**

No comment by the public.

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am