

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2010
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 Bill Salina and Jane Weber.

Staff seated with Commission – Brian Hopkins, Bonnie Fogerty and Marie Sickels.

Public: Linda Metzger, Richard Liebert, Mark A. Metzger, Johnny Walker, Alicia Thompson, Carol Benoit, Clayton M. Braden, Mary Jolley, Clayton M. Braden. Many members of the public attended the meeting and did not sign the sheet attached.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WARRANTS: Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants #196933 through #197225 totaling \$516,713.15 dated 10/06/2010 through 10/08/2010. Also purchase orders and accounts payable checks #197226 through #197481 totaling \$298,754.59 dated 10/13/2010 through 10/15/2010.

Motion carries 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Commissioner Weber announced that she had some corrections in the previous minutes from the October 12, 2010 meeting. She stated that Contract 10-160 should state Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and that the motion should state 2-1 (see corrected minutes attached).

- ◆ **Resolution 10-91:** Cascade County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of State vs. Wendy Kruse. No fee will be charged.
- ◆ **Resolution 10-92:** Budget Appropriation to establish budget authority for HB 645 Historic Preservation Grant received for the “The History Museum” HVAC and Lighting Project in the amount of \$65,345

City County Health Department

- ◆ **Resolution 10-93:** Budget Modification for HRSA ARRA-CIP Contract #C81CS14140-01-01 to adjust budget authority from construction costs to supply costs to complete the project.

- ◆ **Contract 10-165:** The Office Center, Inc., Equipment Service Contract for multi-function printer/copy machine. (Effective: September 15, 2010 through September 14, 2011) Contract charge; \$420.00

- ◆ **Contract 10-166:** AAA Construction, Inc. proposal to remove vegetation, place and secure 18 concrete parking blocks at 115 4th Street South for employees and company vehicle parking. In the amount of \$1,804.70 (lowest of three bids).

- ◆ **Contract 10-167:** DPHHS Task order #11-07-21-003-0 9 (continual) Cascade County WIC Program to provide the services of the US Department of Agriculture's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to the residents of Cascade County and the surrounding areas total budget \$324,533 effective 10/1 2010 to 9/30/2010

- ◆ **Contract 10-168:** MSU Subaward Agreement #11-07-3-01-021-0 (continual) Cascade County Region Nutritional and Physical Activity funding project. \$15,000 effective July 1, 2010-June 30, 2010

Motion carries 3-0

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.

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Chairman Briggs called for public comment.

Richard Liebert approached the Commission he requested that they consider holding a few evening meetings. He had questioned the Commission on the rural fire fighters agreement and the City's involvement with the Health Department. He continued by presenting some information to the Commission regarding bio fuel programs (see exhibit "A"). He also questioned the possibility and need for an Ag Park being created in Great Falls.

Milo Halvorson gave his synopsis of the Option Tax, and presented some information (see exhibit "B"). He stated it should have been terminated in 1989. There was further discussion concerning this item. Chairman Briggs stated that a termination date is a sunset.

Clayton Braden gave a warning that it's almost Halloween do be careful of what you are doing.

Linda Metzger of Windy Ridge Lane shared her concerns about not having enough broadband available to work from home. She requested that the Commission advocate helping Cascade County citizens obtain this service.

Mark Metzger stated he does business online and that is the way business is done. He stressed how important this is to the rural communities and that students should not have to come to town to do their homework.

Richard Liebert agreed the need for rural communications and mentioned he does his research at the Library when a computer is available.

John Watts stated that this is the smallest agenda for any Commission meeting. He thanked Milo Halvorson and Clayton Braden for their service in addressing issues with the Commission. He also stated that the Cable 7 Board Members are quitting because they can't work with the City of Great Falls. He suggested that they apply for grants and work harder to make things work.

Richard Liebert requested to speak again and Brian Hopkins objected stating that this has gone beyond public comment. He suggested that the Commission end the meeting.

Chairman Briggs adjourned the meeting at 10:35 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 November 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.