

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
December 13, 2011
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). These minutes were officially approved at the December 27, 2011 meeting.

PRESENT:

Commission- Chairman Bill Salina, Commissioner Joe Briggs and Commissioner Jane Weber.

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

Public: Raymond k. Hitchcock, Stacey Bird, Annette Griffin, Keith Echols, Amy Pennington, Russell Klinkenberg, Alicia Thompson, Bruce Neill, Dave Sutton, Brian Clifton, Rick Schultz, Karl Puckett, and Dave Snuggs.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Salina 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 Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #210951 through #211320 totaling \$735,968.02 dated 11/14/2011 through 11/17/2011. In addition, purchase orders and accounts payable checks #211321 through #211483 totaling \$632,732.95 dated 11/21/2011 through 11/25/2011. Also approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #211484 through #211801 totaling \$1,006,526.82 dated 11/28//2011 through 12/02/2011. In addition, payroll checks #65152 through #65299 were issued totaling \$110,525.16 and direct deposits were made totaling \$772,778.86 for a payroll total of \$883,314.02 for the month of November.

Motion carries 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- ◆ **Resolution 11-126: Budget Appropriation within the Public Works Department CTEP Grant for streetscape work along 2nd Avenue North in the amount of \$257,740.**
- ◆ **Contract 11-148: Letter if Understanding between Cascade County and International Union of Painters & Allied Trades Local Union #260 effective January 1, 2012 until the fund is in the green.**

City-County Health Department

- ◆ **Contract 11-145: Service Agreement with the Regents of the University of New Mexico Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Research Project. Compensation not to exceed \$80,210.00 effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.**

Commissioner Weber made some corrections to the minutes in which revisions were made and the minutes approved.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 11-146
HIDTA GRANT FOR THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT**

Captain Ray Hitchcock presented this stating; there is no expense to the County and this allows them to bring funds into this budget year from 2009.

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 11-146 HIDTA grant #G11RM0039A award modification for the 2011 HIDTA total approved budget \$130,459.00. This includes 2009 unspent funds \$6,495.00, original requested ONDCP Award \$123,964.00

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #2

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE Contract 11-147
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IMMIGRATION
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) AND THE CASCADE
COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**

Captain Ray Hitchcock presented this stating that this is and Memorandum of Understanding between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to offset the cost of joint operations. **He also noted that this does not allow \$15,000 per officer per year as stated on the contract and in the Agenda Action Report but in fact this contract only allows \$15,000 per year.**

There was some discussion concerning reimbursement of man hours and involvements of seizures.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 11-147 Memorandum of Understanding between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Cascade County Sheriff's Office.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #3

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 11-144
MEDICARE PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE DEMONSTRATION**

Alicia Thompson Director of CCHD approached the Commission to request approval of this contract. She also introduced her team which included Amy Pennington, Keith Echols, and Russell Klinkenberg and stated that they were

available for any questions the Commission might have concerning these contract.

Amy Pennington stated she had applied for this grant and that they were accepted out of 500 centers. She said that this would provide patient care that would allow them to provide care to the whole person, which includes referrals, follow ups and one health care provider. Also by participating in this Medicare Primary Care Practice Demonstration this provides a learning system that would aid them in the process of modeling better care for the patient.

Keith Echols stated that this is a way to provide funding for something that they will have to do in the future, when it becomes mandatory.

Chairman Salina questioned if these patients are exclusively Medicare patients, in which it was affirmed that they are.

Russell Klinkenberg affirmed that this team has been working hard on this and already know what reporting and gathering of data is needed. He also mentioned that at this time this program is optional but will become mandatory in the future and that this allows them to get a jump start on the data.

Commissioner Briggs announced that he did some independent research on this grant, and he found that the financial analysis was lacking in the packet and stated it was not acceptable. He also warned that it was stated if they were in the process of upgrading their electronic records; that they warned not trying to participate in the Medicare Primary Care Practice Demonstration.

Alicia Thompson responded by stating the team has looked into this and decided to move forward.

Commissioner Briggs also reminded them that it also mentions the flexing of office hours to include Saturdays.

Alicia Thompson stated that they have been looking into ten hour days and have been doing some strategic planning in which this is a goal but and that they are in the process and not there yet.

Brian Hopkins announced that although many items of financial concern were not acknowledged in the contract. He visited the website and found these facts; That over a three year period 500 Federally Qualified Health Centers would receive funding to coordinate care, fee payments will not be adjusted retroactively, and there will be no penalty if they withdraw from the Demonstration, (a full copy of this information can be found attached to the minutes in the Clerk & Records office). He said that these facts provide some level of assurance.

Commissioner Weber stated she had contacted Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties who also were awarded the the Demonstration project. She had been told that payment was reimbursable and would be made monthly as work was completed. Commissioner Briggs disagreed and said the grant states a quarterly payment would be made following submission of acceptable quarterly reports. Commissioner Weber stated that it was her understanding that grant payments would be discontinued if the County chose to end the Demonstration project, but that the grantor would not ask the County to reimburse for funds already distributed and expended by the County. Commissioner Weber also stated that using the term “Home” (as in Patient-centered Medical Home) could possibly be confused with home care, and asked representatives from the CCHD to clarify that terminology for audience’s benefit. Alicia Thompson defined the term “Home” as meaning the Community Health Center serving the patient as their Primary Care Manager or “Home.” The Community Health Center becomes the patient’s home base for all health care services and records, whether it be for minor health care issues, cancer treatment, X-rays for orthopedic issues, etc... The Community Health Center would serve all of the patient’s health needs and monitor their health progress.

Commissioner Weber also stated that the Missoula County Health Clinic explained to her that HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) is very supportive of this grant because the extra funding provides the finances the technological services to meet HRSA’s intent for how Clinic’s should operate.

Alicia Thompson stressed the fact that by participating in this Demonstration this will allow them to achieve accreditation.

Commissioner Weber stated that when she visited with the other Counties selected for this Demonstration project that they said it was a good advantage for them. She thanked the CCHD team for pursuing this grant.

Chairman Salina stated that this was not a huge amount of money and that meeting the levels of accreditation would allow the Community Health Center to move forward in the future.

Stacey Bird reminded them that if they do expand hours on Saturdays, they need to renegotiate three different bargaining agreements.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 11-144 CMS Medicare Federally Qualified Health Center Advanced Primary Care Practice (FQHC APCP) Demonstration.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #4

**PRESENTATION FROM THE FARMERS UNION
ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE CASCADE
COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Dave Snuggs of Montana Farmers Union announced that with the public opening of Aeropeak Lodge the need for better access roads to the lodge was presented to the Road Department. In turn they have done a fine job in maintaining the road which has been appreciated. He also offered to partner with the County in any way to help maintain the road, which included a possible financial contribution. He then presented a plaque to the Road Department.

Brian Clifton accepted the plaque and recognized Dave Sutton, Rick Schutz and Bruce Neill for their hard work on this project. Photos were then taken.

**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 further comments were made.

**Chairman Salina closed the meeting with a Merry Christmas to all and
stated it has been a good year, the other Commissioners echoed this.**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 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, December 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.