

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
May 8, 2012
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 May 22, 2012 commission meeting.

PRESENT:

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

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

Public Seating: R. Klinkenberg, Alicia Thompson, Linda Cargill, Tom O’Hara, Dale Gilbert, Kursten Hovland, Heath Christopherson, Jamie Bailey, Kim Thiel Schaaf, Brian Shepherd, Carey Ann Shannon, Steven Fagenstrom, Karl Puckett and Media.

CALL TO ORDER: Madam Chair Weber called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PROCLAMATION: City/County Proclamation recognizing national “Bike to Work Week” during the week of May 14-18, 2012. Chairman Weber read the Proclamation while acknowledging Alicia Thompson, and Linda Cargill.

READING OF THE WEEKLY CALENDAR: Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar, which included a few revisions.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WARRANTS: Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #216063 through #216273 totaling \$526,447.75 dated 04/16/2012 through 04/20/2012. And #216274 through #216566 totaling \$792,890.31 dated 04/20/2012 through 04/27/2012. In addition, payroll checks #66216 through #66395 were issued totaling \$107,404.83 and direct deposits were made totaling \$761,920.53 for a payroll total of \$869,325.36 for the month of April.

Motion passes unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- ◆ **Resolution 12-32:** Resolution approving tax compliance procedures relating to tax-exempt bonds.
- ◆ **Contract 12-55:** New World Systems additional services agreement for the installation of the Next Generation HR/Payroll suite of Logos NET. Fixed cost of \$14,250 plus 2 weeks travel expense for on-site support.

- ◆ **Contract 12-56:** Application to DNRC for the Reclamation and Development Grants Program (RDGP) project. For spring inventory and chemistry characterization of aquifers in the Great Falls area.
- ◆ **Policy 12-01:** Cascade County Policy Statement on Grant Administration and Grants Management Procedure.

County Earmarked Alcohol Tax Money – 100% to Gateway Community Services DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division for FY 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2013.

City-County Health Department

- ◆ **Resolution 12-30:** Budget appropriation for WIC’s Farmers Market Program for FY 2012, in the amount of \$1,300. Refers to Contract 11-90, Task Order 12-07-5-21-080-0 for WIC program.
- ◆ **Resolution 12-31:** Budget appropriation for unanticipated revenues from the Early Head Start Program fund to the Health Department fund in the amount of \$54,599 for vehicle purchase, new garage and NW campus roof.

Community Health Care Center

- ◆ **Contract 12-57:** Community Link Consulting Inc. providing short term billing support effective April-July 2012.
- ◆ **Contract 12-58:** Employment contract with Heather Sand, FNP effective May 14, 2012-May 14, 2013. Employee shall provide professional family practice nurse practitioner clinical care services to patients for \$71,760 per year.

Motion passes unanimously

Agenda Item #1

Public Hearing- Resolution 12-29, modifying the fee on structures in the Ulm Fire Service Area.

Madam Chair Weber recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the public hearing at 9:53 a.m.

Reading of the Public Notice

The reading of the public notice was waived without objections and made part of the record (see exhibit “A”).

Staff Presentation

Brian Hopkins, read the background found in the Agenda Action Report #1 dated May 8, 2012. He noted that there needed to be a correction in the reference of MCA section which should be 7-33-2404, and also stated that a letter of request from the Trustees of the Ulm Fire Service Area to modify fees be placed in the record (see exhibit “B”).

Call for Applicant

Madam Chair Weber called for Applicants, in which **Thomas W. O’Hara**, Chairman of the Ulm Fire Service Area, 166 Whitetail Lane, Ulm, MT approached the Commission. He stated that their Ulm Fire Service Area consists of 177 square miles with 450 structures, and 1,200 residents and

includes two fire stations; one in Ulm and the other one at the Fairhaven Colony (which is no cost to them). He gave figures and facts from his presentation sheet (see exhibit "C") included in the summary he noted that most of their fires are caused by Mother Nature, and are a risk for acres of land, farmers/ranchers and livestock. In addition, with the high cost of fuel, insurance, maintenance, and possible cuts from FEMA grants it is not possible for them to meet expenses. He said by raising the fees to \$125 per household it would cover the needs that they have for the next several years, although they would prefer not to do this they really don't see any other alternative. He noted that the volunteers are also paying this increase and said that their yearly Pancake Supper helped them raise almost \$5,000 last year.

Commissioner Briggs questioned if during the process of proposing this rate increase if they were able to get the information out to the community. Mr. O'Hara assured them that they have advertised in the paper and on television, and also stated that they had a board meeting in which nobody attended.

Further Call for Proponents

Madam Chair Weber called for Proponents in which-

Dale Gilbert, Treasurer of the Ulm Fire Service Area, P.O. Box 90 Ulm, approached the Commission stating that he has been the Treasurer for twenty years and that they have been very conservative with the budget, also the volunteers have been helpful in doing anything that they can do. He claimed that with expenses getting higher it just keeps compounding allowing them to go in the hole. He affirmed that the increase is necessary to get them out of the hole.

Karston Hovland, Fire Chief, 391 Airport Bench Rd, Ulm, announced that he is the new Fire Chief and affirmed that most of the mechanical work they can do on the fire trucks are done by them unless, it is computer related which they do not have the equipment to fix those problems. Also many of them have time constraints which include full time work and running a farm/ranch. He also stated that the Fairhaven colony and other ranchers/farmers help anytime that they can.

Heath Christopherson, Assistant Fire Chief, 200 Old US Hwy 91, Ulm, stated he was the new Assistant Fire Chief for over a year now, and has helped with maintenance on vehicles countless times with many hours and help from others. He is glad to help the community and respond quickly but more money is needed.

Call for Proponents

Madam Chair Weber called for Proponents three times in there were no more.

Call for Opponents

Madam Chair Weber called for Opponents three times in which there were none.

Informational Witnesses

Madam Chair Weber called for Informational Witnesses three times in which there were none.

Close of the Public Hearing

Madam Chair Weber closed the Public Hearing at 10:18 a.m.

Reconvene the Regular Commission Meeting

The regular commission meeting was reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Call for a Motion Madam Chair Weber called for a motion in which Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 12-29 increasing the fee on all habitable structures within the Ulm Fire Service Area from \$75.00 to \$125.00.

Motion passes unanimously

Commissioner Salina also thanked them for their professionalism, good presentation, and their community service.

Madam Chairman Weber thanked them for their good stewardship, service and commitment to the community.

Agenda Item #2

Appointment –Justice of the Peace for an interim position.

Madam Chairman Weber announced that Kathleen Jensen has accepted a new position therefore the Commission advertised for and Interim Justice of the Peace and received eight applicants in which one did not qualify due to short residency.

Commissioner Briggs stated that this was not an easy decision, and the Commission felt it was best to chose someone whom could easily step in with the least disruption, Salina concurred agreeing the immediacy. Madam Chairman Weber reminded the candidates that they could file for this position in the upcoming General Election held in November. She also thanked all the applicants and other Commissioners for their participation in this process.

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to appoint Dave Wilkins as interim Justice of the Peace.

Motion passes unanimously

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned 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, May 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.