

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
January 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 approved at the January 22, 2013 commission meeting. All exhibits are located at the Clerk and Records office.

PRESENT:

Commission- Madam Chair Jane Weber, Commissioner Bill Salina, and Commissioner Joe Briggs. **Staff seated with Commission** –Brian Hopkins, Carey Ann Shannon, Kim Thiel- Schaff, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Sickels.

Public: Don Feist, Kim Flanagan, John Ward, Rob Rung, Lyle Meeks, Alicia Thompson, Sarah Converse, Michelle Lindgrn, Louise Wigin, Ray Wigin, Bill Emerson, William Daniel Goodman, Sheila Rice, Dillard Wilson, Leo Baer, ED Baer, Nancy Hampton, Betty Remsh, Ray Curtis, Robert Fisher, Lillian Fisher, Scott Palmer, Larry Hannah, Jeanne Bolyard, Dennis McGurran, Dianne McGurran, Rex Heckel, John Stephenson-Love, and media.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited.

MOTION TO ELECT: Presiding Officer (Chairman) of the Board of County Commissioners, Cascade County, Montana. Madam Chair Weber thanked the fellow Commissioners, Elected Officials, Staff and the Public for their support during her 2012 term as Madam Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

She reminded those present of Ordinance 12-01, passed on January 10, 2012, which specifies the presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners shall be the commission in his/her third and sixth year of office.

Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to appoint Commissioner Briggs as Chairman of the Board of County Commission for the 2013 calendar year.

Motion carries 2-0 (Weber and Salina for- Briggs abstaining)

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

WARRANTS: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #225635 through #225822 totaling \$603,742.97 dated 12/14/2012 through 12/21/2012; also approving purchase orders and accounts payable checks #225823 through #226166 totaling \$860,585.38 dated 12/26/2012 through 12/28/2012. In addition, payroll checks #68315 through #68470 were issued totaling \$102,935.24 and direct deposits were made totaling \$767,314.55 for a payroll total of \$870,249.79 for the month of December.

Motion carries 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

◆ **Resolution 13-01:** Establishing a Regular Cascade County Commission Meeting Schedule 2013.

◆ **Resolution 13-02:** A Resolution to reopen Rainbow Dam Road.

◆ **Contract 13-01:** MT DPHHS Contract #13-027-21005-0 to establish and operate the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Contract amount \$31,248.00 (868 clients x \$3.00). Performance period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

◆ **Contract 13-07:** Construction and maintenance Agreement for South Birdtail Road I-08 with Kennard E. Steinke.

City-County Health Department

◆ **Contract 13-02:** Great Falls Public School District Interlocal Agreement for MIECHV-ID 2013 grant. This grant will allow the County and the district to enhance cooperation in implementing the Better Beginnings initiative. Refers to Contract 12-150 task order 13-07-5-31-023-0 MIECHV ID.

Community Health Care Center

◆ **Contract 13-03:** Employment Contract with Sally Lydon, RN, CRNP (renewal) Compensation total amount \$40,956.36 per year, effective August 20, 2012 through August 20, 2013.

◆ **Contract 13-04:** Employment Contract with Katherine M. Pellet, MSN, APRN, (renewal) Compensation total amount of \$60,598.43 per year, effective November 28, 2012 through November 27, 2013.

◆ **Contract 13-05:** Employment Contract with Terri Flebotte, LCSW (renewal) Compensation for \$51,367.18 per year, effective November 7, 2012 through November 6, 2013.

◆ **Contract 13-06:** Employment Contract with John MacMillan Bruce IV, D.D.S. (renewal) Compensation total amount of \$113,520.00 per year, effective August 25, 2012 through August 24, 2013.

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Chairman Briggs recessed the regular commission meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Public Hearing

Chairman Briggs opened the public hearing at 9:40 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").

Presentation

Chairman Briggs announced that this public hearing is being held to allow the public to present overall community development needs, and that community development needs are not linked to specific funding, or limited to a single grant. Chairman Briggs acknowledged there appeared to be quite a few attendees associated with the South Wind Water and Sewer District. He asked

that those who wished to address this matter step to the podium first.

Don Feist, President of the South Wind Water and Sewer District 5405 Lower River Road #54 Great Falls, MT read his letter into the record (see exhibit “B”). He presented the need for safer water quality at Trailer Terrace.

Kim Flanagan of lot #123 Trailer Terrace Great Falls, MT stated she lives 3 feet from the lagoon and has experienced the stench seeping into her clothing; she has also experienced raw sewage in her bathroom. She also stated that she no longer invites family or friends to her home, has gone to stay at a motel or showered at the local gym to have good water. In summary, she stated that it has gotten worse over the last 3 to 5 years and she just wanted to let the Commission know; what she has personally had to live with by being a resident of Trailer Terrace.

John Ward #144 Trailer Terrace Great Falls, MT read his letter into the record (see exhibit “C”). He thanked the Commission with their help in creating a water district and sewer district. He continued to make the Commission aware of what they have accomplished. In closing, he respectfully requested that the Commission place their project on their highest priority.

Sheila Rice of Neighborworks Great Falls, MT thanked the Commission for their time in allowing her to speak, and hosting this hearing. She underscored what a great opportunity this project presents for the Commissioners; if approved, a CDBG grant could push this project over the goal post. Ms. Rice said this improves conditions and preserves with this community 90 affordable housing units with this community where a shortage of low-income housing exists. Trailer Terrace is larger than 27 other incorporated communities in Montana. In 2013, Cascade County has the opportunity to apply for CDBG funding within the housing category and Ms Rice has received advice for the state that the Trailer Terrace Project would qualify in this category. The South Wind Water & Sewer District and Neighborworks have been working with Neil Consulting to resolve the issues. They examined the cost/benefit ratio and advantages of hooking into city services and/or relocating the trailer park to another location. Lyle Meeks will present that information in detail in his upcoming testimony. She also mentioned the South Wind Water & Sewer District has additional funding sources towards this project and are on the downhill slope packaging funding sources. Ms. Rice also said this project looks favorable and ranks high with the State. In closing, she thanked the Commission for applying and assisting them in setting up the water and sewer district. She also provided a brochure that gave examples of successful Resident Owned Communities (ROC) (see exhibit “D”).

Lyle Meeks engineer for NCI Neal Consultants Inc. Great Falls, MT began by thanking the Commission for creating South Wind Water & Sewer District. He stated that the problems with the sewage lagoon began back in 1990 and has just gotten worse. In addition, that NCI was hired to do the preliminary report to identify the options for correcting the sewer and water issues within Trailer Terrace. Mr. Meeks presented maps showing the area with the lagoon and explained why it is not feasible to connect to the city water/sewer system. He provided a brief summary of improvement alternatives for this project, and

some comparative wastewater system costs (see exhibit "E"). In closing, he thanked the Commission and stated he appreciated their support for this project.

Commissioner Briggs opened the public hearing to any other members that would like to speak about the Trailer Terrace project.

Nancy Hampton 600 17th Avenue South Lot #5 Great Falls, MT stated she is a tenant in Grandview Trailer Park and not a resident of Trailer Terrace, she is very much in support of this project. She is concerned for the safety of the mobile home court and realizes many of the Trailer Terrace residents would love to get out of the situation that they are in with no place to go.

Commissioner Briggs called for more comments about Trailer Terrace

In which there were none.

Moving on, he called for presentations for other projects. He reminded the public that no decisions on these project proposals would be made at today's commission meeting. This hearing is simply to gather information about pending project proposals.

William Daniel Goodman 1140 4th Ave. Vaughn, MT informed the Commission of the problems with sulfite in the Vaughn water supply. He gave an example how he was able to find an immediate remedy at this time by installing an aluminum rod in his system and by increasing the temperature of his hot water heater control (see exhibit "F"). He also provided the Commission 3 solutions on how to improve the water supply in Vaughn; 1) devise a process to remove the sulfate at the plant; 2) get a new water supply into the Madison aquifer; and 3) reduce the amount of sulfate at the source.

John Stephenson-Love of 300 40th Ave. S. #29 Great Falls, MT President of the Upper Lower River Road Water and Sewer District. He announced he would not be asking for grant funds for the 2013 grant year but will be applying in 2014 for Phase V, and gave an update on the progress that has been made to the Upper Lower River Road Water and Sewer District. Phase V will add an additional 1.5 miles of pipeline and necessitate an additional \$450,000 in CDBG funding. He mentioned that they were different from the South Wind Water & Sewer District after improvements are made the City of Great Falls annexes and maintains the district. He closed by stating that he would be back with a serious proposal

next year.

Roy Curtis 75 12th Street Vaughn, MT President of the Vaughn Water & Sewer District requested support for their project. He stated they plan to make additions to their existing system and that this project has been generated by the new regulations from DEQ. At this time, they are currently discharging into the Sun River and plan to consider spray irrigation instead. He said the Vaughn Water and Sewer District may need to prepare a new low income assessment.

In closing, he requested support for the Commission on this project.

Scott Palmer 585 Couch Avenue Vaughn, MT Manager of the Vaughn Water & Sewer District voiced a need to upgrade the lift station. He said if they have to do maintenance they have to go 30 feet underground and state law requires two people be present when this procedure is done. He also said the

ladder is rusting making it very unsafe.

Sarah Converse of Sweetgrass Development commended the Commission for holding this public hearing to listen to the needs of the community and felt they were ahead of the game by being aware of the projects despite the future uncertainty of the grants. She offered assistance and support and requested the Commissioners contact her if they need any help.

Chairman Briggs called for any more speakers with a community need in which there was none.

He then thanked everyone for attending to inform the Commission.

Written Submissions to the Commission:

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Florence Lillian (see exhibit "G").

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Diane Boetright (see exhibit "H").

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Dean Cartwright (see exhibit "I").

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Ron Lorenz (see exhibit "J").

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Brenda Bichler (see exhibit "K").

Letter received January 07, 2013 by Penny C. Stevens (see exhibit "L").

Email received January 07, 2013 by Kim Thiel-Schaff documenting a voice mail she received from Doug Schwarz (see exhibit "M").

Close of the Public Hearing: Chairman Briggs* closed the Public Hearing at 10:45 a.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

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 Comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.