

**CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 23, 2013**  
**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 May 14, 2013 commission meeting. All exhibits are located at the Clerk and Records office.

**PRESENT:**

**Commission-** Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Bill Salina, and Commissioner Jane Weber. **Seated with the Commission**—Brian Hopkins, Kim Thiel- Schaff, Lisa Bracco, Tristan Riddell, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Sickels.

**Public:** J C Kantorowicz, Don Feist, John Koppelman, William J Reid, James D Harcharik, Alicia M Thompson, Vince Kolar, Sheila Rice, Ron Lorenz, Lyle Meeks, Mike Witsoe, John Ward, Carl Christofferson, Cindy Asthauer, and media.

**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 Weber made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable checks #229297 through #229430 totaling \$147,127.34 dated 04/09/2013 through 04/12/2103; also approving purchase orders and accounts payable checks #229029 through #229296 totaling \$385,158.73 dated 04/01/2013 through 04/05/2013. In addition, payroll checks #68837 through #69074 were issued totaling \$103,644.30 and direct deposits were made totaling \$772,049.71 for a payroll total of \$875,694.01 for the month of March.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

◆**Contract 13-55:** Consultant Services Agreement with L'Heureux Page Werner, PC for the Montana Museum of Railroad History Building at the ExpoPark. Federal aid Project Number STPE 7(55), uniform project #7270 CTEP amount not to exceed \$14,185.00 **It was noted that the corrected amount of this contract is \$14,435.00**

◆ **Contract 13-56:** Proposed updates to the burn permits. Cascade County's share is \$3,105.00. An Air Quality Grant will fund the full amount. Change request form will be submitted to Montana Interactive.

City-County Health Department

◆ **Resolution 13-23:** Budget appropriation in Environmental Health School Assessments. Total amount is \$3,000 refers to Contract 13-21.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-57 FOR THE PISTOL ANNIES MONTANA STATE FAIR EVENT**

Brian Hopkins suggested that Contract 13-57 be pulled at this time for review. It was decided if ready, they would act on this at the upcoming special meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-58 FOR THE MONTANA STATE FAIR EVENT “THREE DAYS GRACE” APPEARING AUGUST 3, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000**

Lisa Bracco presented this event stating that they have sold over 6 million records and they are an active rock group; she also requested the Commission approve this contract.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 13-58, for the performance of “Three Days Grace” at the Montana State Fair on August 3, 2013 for \$80,000. **Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROAD ABANDONMENT A PORTION OF 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET NE AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 13-25**

Chairman Briggs recessed the regular commission meeting at 9:37 a.m.

**Public Hearing**

Chairman Briggs opened the public hearing at 9:37 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**

Tristan Riddell read the background, which can be found in the April 23, 2013 agenda packet.

**Call for applicants**

Chairman Briggs called for the applicant to speak.

**William Reed of 628 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Black Eagle** stated that he has had problems with people dumping trash, and driving in this area. He also stated he would block it off to prevent future problems.

Commissioner Salina questioned if he would be blocking off the Southern end of the abandonment; Mr. Reed affirmed he would be blocking off that area.

**Call for proponents**

Chairman Briggs called for proponents three times in which no one came forward to speak.

**Call for opponents**

Chairman Briggs called for opponents three times in which no one came forward to speak.

**Informational witnesses**

Chairman Briggs called for informational witnesses three times in which no one came forward to speak.

**Close of the Public Hearing**

Chairman Briggs closed the Public Hearing at 9:43 a.m.

**Call for a Motion**

Chairman Briggs called for a motion.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 13-25, for the abandonment of portion of 29<sup>th</sup> Street NE between Lots 25-29, Block 62 and Lots 30-34 Block 59, of North Great Falls Townsite subject to (2) two conditions. **Motion carries 3-0**

**Recess of meeting at 9:43 a.m.****AGENDA ITEM #4****PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-24 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF CDBG HOUSING PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH WIND WATER & SEWER DISTRICT TO THE MT DEPT OF COMMERCE****Open of Public Hearing**

Chairman Briggs opened the public hearing at 9:44 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 "B").

**Presentation**

Kim Thiel-Schaaf, Grants Coordinator presented this item by reading the background, which can be found in the April 23, 2013 agenda packet.

**Informational witnesses**

Chairman Briggs called for informational witnesses in which there was none.

**Call for an applicant/representative**

Chairman Briggs called for the applicant/ representative to speak.

**Sheila Rice Executive Director of NeighborWorks** thanked the Commission and Kim Thiel-Schaff, for their help on this project. She stressed the importance of this CDBG funding for the 90 families to stay in affordable housing and the agencies that have been struggling for compliance for this Water & Sewer Coop.

**Lyle Meeks of NCI Engineering**

Presented a power point presentation "South Wind Water & Sewer District Water/Wastewater Needs Summary" see exhibit "C".

There was some discussion about the ownership of the property and compliance with other agencies.

**Call for proponents**

Chairman Briggs called for proponents.

**Don Feist, President of the South Wind Water and Sewer District 5405 Lower River Road #54 Great Falls, MT** read a letter from Kim and Galen

Flanagan of lot #123 Trailer Terrace (see exhibit “D”). He also reminded the Commission that they were getting closer on these problems and working close with other agencies for compliance to these 20-year-old problems.

**Ron Lorenz Lot #138 of Trailer Terrace** reminded the Commission that additional funding is important and that they cannot do it on their own, it was cost prohibited.

**John Koppelman 34 Fox Island Lane** stated that this affects him twice a year when the lagoon turns over, he stated it stinks so bad that he has to close his windows. He affirmed that he is in support of this.

**John Ward #144 Trailer Terrace Great Falls, MT** thanked the Commission for their support and stated that no owner is able to take care of this and that this is the only feasible way to correct the problems. He encouraged the Commission to help them with this block grant.

**Call for proponents**

Chairman Briggs called for proponents three times in which no one else came forward to speak.

**Call for opponents**

Chairman Briggs called for opponents three times in which no one came forward to speak.

**Informational witnesses**

**Carl Christofferson 42 Fox Island Lane**, stated that this system needs to be replaced and should have been lots earlier, he also stated that maintaining the lagoon is not going to work, as it is a health hazard.

**Informational witnesses**

Chairman Briggs called for informational witnesses three times in which no one else came forward to speak.

**Close of the Public Hearing**

Chairman Briggs closed the Public Hearing at 10:34 a.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

**Call for a motion**

Chairman Briggs called for a motion.

Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 13-24 authorizing submission of a CDBG Housing Project on behalf of the South Winds Water District to the Montana Department of Commerce.

**Motion carries 3-0**

**AGENDA ITEM #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 Comments.

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

