

Commissioner
Minutes
Journal # 55

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 28, 2015
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 12, 2015 meeting.

Present: Madam Chair Jane Weber, Commissioner Jim Larson Commissioner Joe Briggs
Staff: Norma Borgstrom, Joshua Blystone, Leslie Killham, Carey Ann Shannon, Tina Hoebelheinrich, Jamie Bailey, Tina Lopez, Lynette Schriver-Colburn, Betty Langan, Genie Williams, Trista Besich, April McLean, Bonnie Fogerty and Brad Clark. **Public members;** Steve Erwin, Adelle Thompson, and John Watts.

Reading of the Commissioners calendar: Bonnie Fogerty, read the weekly calendar.

Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants: Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. Approved purchase orders and accounts payable checks #251604 thru #251845 totaling \$1,070,344.53 dated 04/14/2015 thru 04/17/2015. **Motion carries 3-0**

Treasurers monthly report of bank balances; Investments, revenues, and disbursements- Jamie Bailey Treasurer read this report which can be found in this agenda packet dated April 28, 2015.

Consent agenda: The consent agenda is made up of routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner my pull items from the Consent Agenda for further discussion/vote.

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve the minute and minute entries found in this Agenda Packet and the approval of routine contracts as follows; Minutes approved were dated April 14, 2015 and April 21, 2015.

♦ **Resolution 15-20:** Budget appropriation within RSVP-Aging to establish budget in the Montana Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) expansion grant. Total amount \$3,400 refers to Contract 14-158 R0300402 **R0305254**

♦ **Resolution 15-21:** Budget appropriation within Commodity food distribution to establish budget for double shipment correction on contract for the Commodity Supplement Feed program. Total amount \$18,228 refers to Contract 14-168, R0300099 **R0305255**

♦ **Resolution 15-22:** Budget appropriation within the Extension Department to appropriate funds from the General Fund to Extension that the mill allocation did not fully cover also to cover reimbursement to the Homemakers/Grandparents. Total amount \$25,000 mill allocation \$17,197.94 Homemakers\Grandparents \$7,191.27

♦ **Resolution 15-23:** Budget appropriation within the Public Works Department to appropriate funds from insurance reimbursement for the Fairground bleacher replacement. Total amount \$15,744 **R0305258**

♦ **Contract 15-30:** Noxious Weed Control Agreement between the Montana Department of Transportation and Cascade County. Effective July 1, 2014- June 30, 2016. Purpose to set forth the term and conditions for the control of noxious weeds

R0305257 →

within the limits of the right-of-way on the following state highway various under the jurisdiction of MDT. MDT will pay an annual sum of \$56,000 R0305480

♦ **Contract 15-31:** Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement, Stockett Grant #MDA 2015-048. Purpose the project funding recipient will perform noxious weed control activities in Cascade County beginning in 2015. Maximum Grant Amount \$10,000 R0305624

♦ **Contract 15-32:** Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement, Lower Hound Creed Weed Control Area #MDA 2015-046. Purpose the project funding recipient will perform noxious weed control activities in Cascade County beginning in 2015. Maximum Grant Amount \$10,000 R0305625

♦ **Contract 15-33:** Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Grant Agreement, Hound Creek Weed Control Area #MDA 2015-047. Purpose the project funding recipient will perform noxious weed control activities in Cascade County beginning in 2015. Maximum Grant Amount \$40,000 R0305626

Community Health Care Clinic

♦ **Resolution 15-19:** Budget appropriations to appropriate funds from the fourth installment of monies for benefits to assist the Community Health Clinic Department in provide prescription assistance. Total amount \$8,750. R0305253

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

Presentation from the Weed & Mosquito Department

Josh Blystone highlighted grant awards in his department and also gave an 2015 season plans (see exhibit "A").

AGENDA ITEM #2

Motion to approve or disapprove-

Contract 15-34 Commercial Real Estate Buy/Sell Agreement between Carol Ann Ferro. Property is Tribune Plaza Condominium Unit 1D, 121 4th Street North Parcel #000680340 Total purchase price is \$90,000 not recorded

Carey Ann Shannon presented this item by reading the synopsis which can be found in Agenda packet dated April 28, 2015.

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to accept Contract #15-34 Commercial Real Estate Buy/Sell agreement between Cascade County and Carol Ann Ferro for the purchase of the Tribune Plaza condominium Unit ID, located at 121 4th Street North, Great Falls, Montana Tax parcel #000680340 total purchase amount \$90,000 with the date of closing being on or before July 1, 2015. **Motion carries 3-0**

Public Participation in decisions of the Board and allowance of public comment on matters the Commission has jurisdiction, on items not covered by Today's agenda. None

Adjournment: Madam Chair Weber adjourned this Commission meeting 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 that will be held on Wednesday May 6, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.



Josh

Commissioner's Meeting April 28, 2015

NWTF Grants

3 NWTF grants were awarded to landowner cooperatives through Cascade County this year. The Hound Creek area cooperative has received grants for the last 7 years and has seen great success in controlling noxious weeds in their area. It has been successful and received this funding mostly due to the person/people managing and organizing the cooperative. Kendra Lane of the Lane Ranch is the person who heads this area's efforts. The Lower Hound Creek cooperative is being led by Buffie/Gale Ogden, and she has secured grants for her area for a 2nd year now.

Norma Borgstrom has helped the Stockett area create a cooperative and they were awarded a grant this year as well. We are meeting with the landowners of the Stockett cooperative this Thursday (April 30), to help them get started this season, and to hopefully have a landowner step forward to manage/organize the cooperative like the other two co-ops have done.

The Eden area (Joan Smiley) is also voicing an interest in setting up a co-op to apply for a grant to fight weeds in their area as well.

Hound Creek: Awarded \$40,000 to 5 landowners to spray 1589 acres

Lower Hound Creek: Awarded \$10,000 to 6 landowners to spray 990 acres

Stockett: Awarded \$10,000 to 9 landowners to spray 350 acres *Leafy Spurge*

The weed control department was also awarded a \$7500 special county grant to purchase new pumps and motors, and a 6' by 12' ATV trailer.

Explanation from Norma

2015 Season Plans

Josh

The Weed and Mosquito Division is geared up for the season fast approaching. Both weed and mosquito control crews have started, but most of our work force will begin work in mid-May. We plan on having 12 mosquito and 15 weed sprayer seasonal employees.

Our mosquito crews that have started are getting an early handle on historical problem areas early this season, so hopefully we will be able to have them go to areas of the county that have been neglected, or haven't received as much attention, in the last few years. i.e.: Belt and Smith River

Noxious weed spraying agreements/contracts have already been renewed for the City of Great Falls, and Montana Department of Transportation, and we have a meeting with Fish Wildlife and Parks set up for May 18th to receive their agreement and make plans for spraying.

We plan to continue to run the division as it has been in the past, with only a couple small changes.