

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
April 12, 2016
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 10, 2016 meeting. The Exhibits mentioned can be found at the Clerk and Records Office.

Present: Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Jane Weber, and Commissioner Jim Larson.
Staff: Carey Ann Shannon, Vince Kolar, Brian Clifton, Josh Blystone, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Johnson.

Public members; Richard Liebert, Darrel Sand, Bill Emerson, Doug Schwartz, Garnett Rope, Arlyne Reichert, Ron Gessaman, Kathy Gessaman, Aart Dolman, Trista Besich, Leslie Southworth, Gerry Jennings, Joshua Blystone, Mary G. Hyland, Kim Thiel-Schaaf, Russ Doty, Norma Borgstrom, and John Watts.

Proclamation; Recognizing April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day" in Cascade County.
(Representatives: Rich Liebert and Gerry Jennings)

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

Purchase orders and accounts payable warrants: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. Approved purchase orders and accounts payable checks #260227 thru #261319 totaling \$395,653.41 dated 03/21/2016 thru 03/25/2016. **Motion carries 3-0**

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

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve minute entries and the approval of routine contracts as follows;

◆ **Resolution 16-32:** Budget Appropriation within Public Works for a support transfer from the General Fund to ExpoPark that will fund unexpected expenses. Total Amount: \$50,000.00. *R0320961*

◆ **Resolution 16-35:** Budget Appropriation within the Senior Health Improvement Program. Purpose: To establish a budget for Contract #16-027-21005-0 (Contract 16-30) with the Montana DPHHS. Total Amount: \$1,600.00. (Reference: Contract 15-138, R0312242) *R0320964*

◆ **Resolution 16-36:** Budget Appropriation within the Commodity Supplemental Food Program to establish a budget for the client reimbursement increase. Total Amount: \$10,718.00. (Reference: Contract 15-179, R0315795) *R0320965*

◆ **Contract 16-40:** Noxious Weed Control Agreement between Cascade County and the Montana Department of Transportation. Purpose: To set the terms and conditions for the control of noxious weeds within the limits of rights-of-way on various state highways. *R0321170*

◆ **Contract 16-42:** The Office Center Equipment Service Contract #1973 for the following printers at the Sheriff's Office: XVG8X00668, XVG8X00414, XVG8X00666 Effective Dates: February 15, 2016 - February 14, 2017. Annual Amount: \$1,320.00 *R0321227*

◆ **Contract 16-45:** Memorandum of Understanding between Cascade County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Pondera County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), and the Russell Country Drug Task Force (RCDTF). Purpose: To formalize relationships for planning, training and to maximize inter agency cooperation.

◆ **Contract 16-46:** Memorandum of Understanding between Cascade County and River City Harvest Inc. to establish the responsibilities of each party for the use of the Southside Garden located at Aging Services. R0320969

◆ **Resolution 16-38:** Prosecutorial Assistance in the prosecution of State of Montana vs. B.M.H.

CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

◆ **Resolution 16-34:** Budget Appropriation for unanticipated funds received for providing Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) and case management to TB case as well as reimbursement for each HIV test performed from January 1, 2015 through December 30, 2015. Total Amount: \$6,160.00 R0322205

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTER

◆ **Resolution 16-33:** Budget Appropriation for the Community Health Care Center to appropriate a Medicaid Meaningful Use payment. The payment was received for successfully attesting to the meaningful use measures and requirements during FY2015. Total Amount: \$8,500.00. R0320962

◆ **Contract 16-43:** Agreement between the Community Health Care Center and the Montana Legal Services Association which outlines the cost share portion under the Montana Health Justice Partnership Memorandum of Understanding. Total Amount: \$20,000 (\$10,000.00-2016 + \$10,000.00-2017) (ref Contract 15-196, R0316366) R0321829

◆ **Contract 16-44:** Agreement between the Community Health Care Center (CHCC) and Curt Degenfelder Consulting Inc. Purpose: To develop a financial model that will display CHCC as an independent organization. R0322029
Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$20,000.00

Motion carries 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 16-41 CASCADE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN R0320968

Josh Blystone presented the Weed Management Plan for 2016 stating that they will operate in the same manner and begin spraying in May.

Commissioner Weber thanked Mr. Blystone for his work and was pleased that two (2) new cooperative grants have been approved under the MT Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Trust Grant (Eden and Stockett) and will be sprayed this year. She also mentioned that the public should be aware of the list of "watch" species and report any unwanted species to the Weed & Mosquito Department as soon as they are noticed.

Commissioner Larson questioned if they could begin spraying earlier in the year since the weather has been so warm. Mr. Blystone responded by stating they would have to look at the staffing budget to consider if they could spray early.

Chairman Briggs opened the item up for public comment;

Richard Liebert- 289 Boston Coulee Rd, Eden commended the Public Works Department for their hard work and stated that the ranchers benefit from this service.

Bill Emerson- 9 Sunnyside Avenue, Vaughn questioned what recourse he had when he spends lots of money to get rid of his weeds and his neighbor doesn't? Mr. Blystone requested he contact Weed and Mosquito and report his concerns.

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to accept Contract 16-41 the 2016 Noxious Weed Management Plan. **Motion carries 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #2

RESOLUTION 16-37 CITIZEN INITIATED PETITION PROCEDURE TO CREATE A CASCADE COUNTY RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT R0320966

Carey Ann Shannon presented this item by reading the background found in Agenda Action Report dated April 12, 2016. She noted the process requires the 100% of the residents within a proposed RSID boundary must agree to the formation of an RSID.

Chairman Briggs stated that this has been a long process to outline the procedure for a citizen initiated petition procedure to create a Cascade County Rural Special Improvement District which is not a Commission initiated RSID procedure.

Commissioner Weber reminded the public that this RSID process is specifically for citizen-initiated projects on private roads, that are not part of the County roads system. Under this process, citizens can request the formation of an RSID with the county will administer on their behalf. With the citizen-initiated RSID, residents want to be assessed a fee (which the county collects for them) and those funds are then used to finance improvements and maintenance to their private roads.

Commissioner Larson stated that this process was extensive and took some time he thanked Carey Ann Shannon and Brian Clifton for their help.

Chairman Briggs opened the item up for public comment;

Darrel Sand Box 144, Sun River stated he is from the Open Buckle community which has three (3) separate subdivisions. He is concerned that the Open Buckle Road serves 26 residents, and several ranchers use it as well. He said that only 70% of the residents are paying for road improvements and maintenance with which costs about \$400 a year. He requested if the County Commission could help in any way. He stated that to obtain 100% signatures to create their RSID is unrealistic.

Commissioner Briggs stated that their hands are tied and according to MCA they must have consent of all landowners. He suggested to remedy this would require a Legislative action.

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to accept Resolution 16-13 Citizen Initiated Petition Procedure to create a Cascade County Rural Special District (RSID).

Commissioner Weber stated the corrected Resolution of 16-37 with a **SECOND.**
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.

Aart Dolman 3106 Central Avenue- Thanked the Commission for attending the Tintina Mine open house in White Sulphur Springs on April 1st. He presented the Commission with a handout (see Exhibit "A"). He shared with the Commission the ties from Tintina mine to Australia's Sandfire Resources LC an Australian public mining company, and assured the Commission that he would keep them informed.

Ross Doty 4957 West 6th Street, Colorado- Mr. Doty presented the Commission his handout (see Exhibit "B"). He then introduced Initiative I-180 which refers to the use of renewable energy. There was further discussion on this topic.

Garnett Rope 255 Gordon Road, Vaughn- Ms. Rope presented the Commission her handout (see Exhibit "C"). She shared her concerns about Syrian refugees being welcomed to Montana and requested the Commission formally send sign a letter to the US Department of State request that Cascade County be deleted as a destination for Syrian refugees.

Doug Schwartz 940 1st Ave, Vaughn- Mr. Schwartz approached the Commission to shares his concerns about his service on the Cascade County Vaughn Water and Sewer Board. There was further discussion with the Commission on this matter. He mentioned an issue with an easement and the Commission requested he send his complaints to them for action.

Richard Liebert 289 Boston Coulee Rd, Eden- Mr. Liebert supported Mr. Doty's presentation on the use of renewable energy, and commented on Ms. Rope's presentation stating that his family immigrated to the United States from Germany during a sensitive time in our history and we need to be careful how we view and judge people immigrating to our country to flee oppression and war.

Ron Gessaman 1026 36th Ave NE, Great Falls - Mr. Gessaman presented the Commission with a handout regarding the cost savings when switching to LED light bulbs. He requested the Commission to create a Resolution that encourage the use of LED bulbs in all County activities.

Mary Highland 1186 Country Line Rd, Ft. Shaw- Ms. Highland approached the Commission to add comment to Ms. Rope's concerns regarding the potential influx of Syrian refugees into Cascade County. Ms. Highland told the commissioner that the Muslim belief system does not match ours and to please think before allowing them to move into Cascade County.

Adjournment: Chairman Briggs adjourned this Commission meeting at 10:55 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 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.