

**SPECIAL
CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
February 27, 2013
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111
3:00 p.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 March 12, 2013 commission meeting.

PRESENT:

Commission: Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Bill Salina, and Commissioner Jane Weber.

Staff seated with the Commission: Brian Hopkins, Carey Ann Shannon, Lisa Bracco, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marie Sickels.

Public Seating: Michael Beall, Jim Sargent, Chuck Olson, Kelly Manzer, Jim Larson, Steve Erwin, Jery "Hoppy" Hopkins, Sparky Kottke, Diane Kottke, Joe Tropila, Earl Salley, and Erin Schermele.

PRESENTATION: Brian Hopkins presented this Memorandum of Understanding with Great Falls Turf Club Contract 13-27 (See Exhibit "A"). He mentioned that a meeting was held to discuss the matter in which this MOU was drafted to aid in further discussions and agreements. In addition, he stated that the County agreed to hold the dates of July 20, 26, 27, and 28, 2013 to make that facilities available while in negotiations of a final agreement.

Commissioner Salina also mentioned that the County would not do anything to jeopardize the racetrack after July 1.

The Commission all supported future negotiations with the Great Falls Turf Club regarding division of duties and review of anticipated costs to the County. Commissioner Briggs asked Lisa Bracco whether she had any comments regarding the projected budget developed by the Turf Club. Ms. Bracco stated that she would look at the added expenses in the budget and see if it can be worked out in the coming months.

Chuck Olson and Joe Tropila thanked the Commission for their support.

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-27
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREAT FALLS
TURF CLUB**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 13-27 Memorandum of Understanding with the Great Falls Turf Club effective February 27, 2013 through August 31, 2013. **Motion carries 3-0**
PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER THAT IS NOT ON THE MEETING AGENDA, AND IS WITHIN THE COMMISSIONERS JURISDICTION. (MCA 2-3-103) No comments. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. The next meeting will be a work session on March 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.