

**MINUTES FOR CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
2013 BUDGET HEARING OPENING
9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Joe Briggs Commissioner Bill Salina and Commissioner Jane Weber.
Carey Ann Shannon, Kathy Chovanak, Jamie Bailey, Shanna Bulik-Chism, Jeremy Ogden, Jolene Bach, Cande Recke, Michael Beall, Bonnie Fogerty and Marie Johnson.

PLEDGE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to proper notice; Chairman Joe Briggs called a budget adoption hearing of the Cascade County Commission to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex, Commission Chambers, Room 111. He announced that this 2013 budget hearing would continue through September 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in which the Commission will formally take action and hold a special Commission meeting. He also stated that the budget is on display for preview.

Chairman Briggs then entertained any questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Weber stated that this was a difficult process, which was very complicated and they worked hard despite the handicap of Randy Hand Fiscal Officers absence. She felt that they did the best that they could with the decline in value revenue from the Department of Revenue. She also commended her fellow Commissioners on the hard work they have done.

Chairman Briggs thanked Michael Beall Great Falls Tribune reporter for the informative article he wrote for the Tribune.

Chairman Briggs entertained questions and comments from the staff and public members in which there were none.

This hearing was recessed at 9:36 a.m.

Attached (exhibit "A") is the public notice, which was published on August 25, 2013 and September 1, 2013 in the Great Falls Tribune.

**MINUTES FOR CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING
2012 BUDGET HEARING CLOSING
4:00 P.M.**

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

Carey Ann Shannon, Brian Clifton, Kathy Chovanak, Jamie Bailey, Genie Williams, John Stevens, Bach, Cande Recke, Linda Reynolds, Michael Beall, and Marie Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE: The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

RECONVENE: Chairman Joe Briggs reconvened the Budget Hearing at 4:00 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING: Chairman Joe Briggs asked if there had been any written testimony on the Budget submitted to the Commission. It was reported that no written testimony was received.

COMMENTS: Chairman Briggs called for comments. In which none were made.

CLOSE OF THE BUDGET HEARING: Chairman Joe Briggs closed the Budget Hearing at 4:01 p.m.

OPENING OF THE SPECIALCOMMISSION MEETING: Chairman Briggs opened the Special Commission Meeting at 4:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 13-76

**ESTABLISHING ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR
2013/2014**

MOTION: Commissioner Salina made a MOTION to approve Resolution 13-76 establishing Elected Officials salaries for fiscal year 2013/2014 that was established by the Compensation Board. **Motion carries unanimously 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #2

MOTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 13-75

ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.

Chairman Briggs mentioned that two public members previewed the budget in addition to many staff members. He also mentioned to the other Commissioners that there would need to be a few additional changes in order to rebalance the mill

allocations. He said there would be no substantial changes made and this is something that the Finance Officer would do on the backside in the past.

MOTION: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 13-75 adopting a budget for fiscal year 2013/2014.

Motion carries unanimously 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #3

MOTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-138 CHIP SEAL AWARD TO UNITED MATERIALS FOR CONTRACT PRICE OF \$195,950

Brian Clifton read the Synopsis found in the Agenda Action Report dated September 5, 2013.

MOTION: Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to accept the bid proposal from United Materials for a contract price of \$195,950.00 and instruct staff to complete the implementation process. **Motion carries unanimously 3-0**

Commissioner Weber thanked Brian Clifton for his work on this project stating it extends the life of the roads.

AGENDA ITEM #3

MOTION TO APPROVE OR DISSAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-145 AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS FOR NOTHERWESTERN ENDERGY TO TRANSPORT WATER TANKS AND PERFORM DEWATERING ACTIVITIES RESULTING FORM HYDROSTATIC TESTING ON THE UNDERGROUND GAS LINE.

Linda Reynolds a representative for NorthWestern Energy thanked the Commission for considering their temporary easement for them to test the lines. She said that they will begin on September 9, 2009 and continue through October. She then explained the process saying in the end they would be spaying out the clean water on the property.

Chairman Briggs questioned if there would be a disturbance in service for their customers.

Ms. Reynolds stated that they would be doing the testing in five phases and that all the customers have been notified by mail and she was not sure how long each segment would take.

Commissioner Weber stated that there were a few changes made with counsels advice in some of the clauses of the contract.

Brian Clifton asked if the water that was being pumped out be on private property not county property, she assured him it would be pumped out on private property.

MOTION: Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve agreement for temporary access across Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Section 28, by NorthWestern Energy to transport water tanks and perform dewatering activities resulting from Hydrostatic Testing on the 12” underground gas line. **Motion carries unanimously 3-0**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers located at the Courthouse Annex