

**SPECIAL  
CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 28, 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 were officially approved at the December 10, 2013 commission meeting.

**PRESENT: Commission:** Chairman Joe Briggs Commissioner Bill Salina and Commissioner Jane Weber **Staff seated with the Commission:** Brian Hopkins, Bonnie Fogerty and Marie Johnson. **Public:** April Smith, James S. Smith, Kelly Manzer, Sparky Kottke, Earl Salley, John Hayes, Alicia Thompson, and Mitch Tropilla.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The consent agenda is made up of routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner may pull items for the consent agenda for separate discussion /vote. Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda as introduced below.

**City-County Health Department**

- ◆ **Resolution 13-171:** Budget Appropriation for Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program for unanticipated revenue from a mini grant total amount \$4,000 refers to Contract 13-91 R0277268.

**Agenda Item #1**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTRACT 13-171 AGREEMENT WITH GREAT FALLS PRE- RELEASE SERVICES INC. TO PROVIDE A COORDINATOR FOR THE DUI TASK FORCE** *Chairman Briggs pulled this item from the agenda.*

**Agenda Item #2**

**MOTION TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 13-87 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREAT FALLS TURF CLUB** Brian Hopkins stated that this Memorandum of Understanding is for the 2014 horse racing season with four (4) proposed horse racing dates. This will also allow them to conduct further negotiations and specifics in the future.

Chairman Briggs opened this item for discussion.

**Kelly Manzer 713 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW** stated she appreciated the fast attention to this request and also requested that they act within 30 days on the upcoming contract so that they can move along and get schedules out ahead of time.

**Commissioner Salina** mentioned that the submittal date to the State is November 1, 2013 with November 7, 2013 being that date the State will approve the submitted dates. He also questioned when the funding would be allocated by the State.

**Kelly Manzer** stated that State funds depend on what the County gives for in kind and often they are guaranteed a percentage. She thought the figures would be in by the end of the year.

**Commissioner Salina** asked if the revenues generated for last year go against 2014 racing. He asked what revenues were generated and how many days of racing generated profits from last year. He said he felt if they started earlier in the year they would have a better chance to promote horseracing.

**Kelly Manzer** agreed that getting an earlier start would allow them to solicit more horses and allow them to advertise earlier and to more locations.

**Chairman Briggs called for a motion;**

Commissioner Salina made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 13-87 Memorandum of Understanding with the Great Falls Turf Club. **Motion carries 3-0**

**Commission Weber** made a suggestion to form a committee to create the contract which would include two members from the TURF club, two representatives from ExpoPark, Commissioner Salina, and Brian Hopkins for Counsel. She felt this would allow them to move things along to complete the contract in a timely manner.

**Chairman Briggs** stated that he was concerned that the contract would be difficult to formalize with unknown amount of revenue from the State. He reminded them that he voted against this contract for financial reasons. He also stated he does not believe the County should have to sustain \$70,000 in loss every year; that we do horseracing. He said he has no problem with a structure in the process of creating the contract. However, felt it was foolish to enter into a contract when there is no money coming in from the State.

**Commissioner Salina** announced he would be happy to serve on this committee and go forward with good endeavor to put a committee together.

**Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the Commissioners jurisdiction (MCA 2-3-103).** *There was no public comment given.*

**Adjournment of this special meeting was at 2:15 p.m.**