

CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 5th, 2014
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111
9:30 AM

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES ARE PARAPHRASED AND REFLECT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MCA 7 – 4 – 2611 (2) (b). THESE MINUTES WERE OFFICIALLY APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2014 MEETING. ALL EXHIBITS CAN BE FOUND AT THE CLERK AND RECORDERS' OFFICE.

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

STAFF: Brian Hopkins, Rina Fontana Moore, Brian Clifton & Scott Manu

PUBLIC MEMBERS: Norm Anderson, Patty Boyle, Sheila Rice, Joan Redeen and others who failed to sign in.

AGENDA:

AGENDA ITEM #1

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 14-76: Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Robert Hamud presented a power point of the budget process. The packet is included as an exhibit. Jane Weber made a **Motion** to approve the budget. **MOTION CARRIES 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #2

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Contract 14-135: 13th Street South Surfacing Repair Award: United Materials.

Brian Clifton noted that TD&H had prepared the bid packet and handled the public notices. There were two bidders on the project, United Materials and Great Falls Sand & Gravel. After going through the packets, it was decided that United Materials had the most inclusive bid. Commissioner Salina asked if this was an overlay and Brian Clifton informed him that it was a 3" overlay with chip seal. Commissioner Briggs made a **Motion** to approve the award to United Materials.

MOTION CARRIES 3-0

AGENDA ITEM #3

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 14-78: A resolution approving a petition to expand the Great Falls Business Improvement District.

Sheila Rice, a member of the BID Board of Directors spoke to the commission. She stated that the businesses had made a number of inquiries throughout the years about expanding the district to include county property. This expansion would include 2nd Alley North. She mentioned that if the county were to pay the assessment, they would be able to apply for certain grants. She noted that a strong downtown meant a strong city and county. She said that the downtown businesses pay very high taxes per acre than the rest of the county.

Brian Hopkins asked whether they had looked at other counties as a model. He noted that the city and state are exempt from paying this assessment.

Commissioner Briggs questioned the appropriateness of such an assessment when other governmental entities like the City are exempt. The specific statute does not address the issue of governmental exceptions. He asked why the county should participate if they were more than likely exempt.

Commissioner Weber stated that there appears to be a need for more research.

Commissioner Salina asked if there were any state owned properties in the boundaries.

Joan Redeen from the BID noted that there were two or three parcels that were across from the post office that may be State property.

Brian Hopkins asked if they had sought approval from the GSA as they are the parcel owners.

Joan Redeen stated that they are automatically exempt, because they are a Federal entity, so they had not been approached.

Commissioner Weber stated that because of the unanswered questions, she was willing to make a motion to table Resolution 14-75. Commissioner Weber made a formal **Motion** table Resolution 14-75. **Motion Carries 3-0**

AGENDA ITEM #4

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.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:54 AM

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Courthouse Annex. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled commission meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 at 9:30 am.