

CASCADE WORK SESSION
Wednesday, March 4, 2009
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111
2:00 p.m.

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b)

PRESENT: Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Bill Salina, Lisa Mcgilivry, Brian Clifton, Brian Hopkins, Carey Shannon, Randy Hand, Jess Anderson, Mark Peterson, Matt Austin, Larry Cassell, Karl Puckett, Clay Braden & Stacey Bird.

Chairman Joe Briggs opened the work session.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Brian Clifton:

Contract Award recommendation for the Weed and Mosquito chemical building water and sewer installation.

Brian Clifton explained that this was a bid for water and sewer for \$37,836 and the low bidder was Phillips Construction. Big Sky Civil and Environmental reviewed the bid along with the County Attorney. They both approved.

Chairman Briggs suggested that this item be moved to the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

** Resolution 09-19 Appropriation within the Cascade County for the release of protested taxes in the amount of \$454,604.

Randy Hand stated that the county's portion of money will be moved to the general fund.

** Resolution 09-20 Appropriation within the Commissioners' Office for the Windy Fund in the amount of \$2,350.

** Resolution 09-21 Budget Modification within the Clerk & Records' Office for Elections and Records Preservation in the amount of \$37,426.

This was money moved into postage for elections for return of the NVRA notices.

** Resolution 09-26 Budget Modification within the Clerk & Records' Office to maximize the current budget in the amount \$1000.

** Resolution 09-11A Amendment to Resolution 09-11 for the Sheriffs' Office.

Randy Hand explained that an error occurred in a sub activity code and had to be fixed. This issue was concerning the leased vehicle

** Lease Agreement with Tom Dimke to rent a 3400 square foot storage space in the Tribune Plaza for three years in the amount of \$4800 per year.

Jess Anderson explained that the storage unit is in the basement of the Executive Plaza. He said that Mr. Dimke was not interested in selling the unit to us, but that we could get a three year lease. The county will have the first right to purchase if Mr. Dimke decides that in the future he would like to sell.

** Contract with Vision One to provide the ticketing system for the Montana ExpoPark.

Chairman Joe Briggs requested that this be moved to the regular agenda. Chairman Briggs asked Tom Meech to present this issue.

Tom Meech had requested several bids for ticketing. This company had smaller fees for on-line sales but a larger fee for box-office sales. He stated that in speaking with Fergus County he was told that Vision One had always met their deadlines. They are waiving the software fee because we are a government. Tom suggested that the county sign a two year contract with them.

CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

** Resolution 09-22 Modification for capital expenditures in the amount of \$24,236.

Randy Hand moving money out of capital expenditures and into supplies.

** Resolution 09-23 Modification for maximization of grant funds in the amount of \$7,500.

Randy Hand said that this was a shift of funds from professional services into operating supplies.

** Resolution 09-24 Appropriation for a grant received for the WIC Farmers Market Program in the amount of \$41,504.

** Resolution 09-25 Appropriation for a grant for the HIV Prevention Program in the amount of \$41,458.

This is a continuation of previous grants.

AGENDA

** VEBA Presentation from Mark Peterson at the road department.

Mark Peterson gave a presentation. He said that he had sent a letter to all three of the commissioners. There would be a \$17,000 savings for next year based on his wages. All eleven in the road department want to participate and want a resolution passed to make them a separate group.

Larry Cassell of the road department said that there is a conflict with how the state interprets VEBA vs the law. He would like to iron out the process for the future.

Commissioner Beltrone said that they have been working with this issue and deferred to Carey Ann Shannon.

Carey Ann Shannon said that the group was being led astray. A sub-group can be formed by petition and then the board can recognize them. The state told them that unilaterally they could form their own group and elect officers. However, the employer has to make the move. This has already been put to a vote and the vote failed. This small group is interested in forming an independent group.

Mark Peterson said that all 11 members of the road department had signed the petition. He said that his insurance would be covered under the plan. VEBA is all over the country to including companies like general motors.

Commissioner Beltrone stated that she had some concerns.

Mark Peterson said that the county would write one check to an administrator in Seattle.

Chairman Briggs said that there were tracking issues in following employees from dept to dept

Commissioner Beltrone asked why we need to keep track of them.

Chairman Briggs wanted one group and not sub-groups. Following an employee that was part of the program and then transferred to another part of the county would have to be done by hand.

Stacey Bird said that tracking this situation would have its own difficulties.

Mark Peterson said that road and bridge would be under VEBA but will not transfer to a new dept.

Stacey Bird said that if a resolution is passed, then each group could form their own sub-group

Chairman Briggs questioned the cost vs savings.

Commissioner Beltrone said that this could be a case for an exit interview.

Chairman Briggs said that they could debate the merits of such a resolution on Tuesdy.

** Proposal from L'Heureux Page Warner for analysis of CTEP Renovations to the old County Jail.

Brian Clifton said that the bids would be alternative bid items.

Meeting adjourned 2:26 pm