

**Special Commission Meeting**  
**April 1, 2020**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111**  
**2:30 PM**

Commission  
Journal #60

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**PRESENT:**

**Cascade County Commission:** Chairman James L. Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber and Commissioner Joe Briggs

**Staff:** Lynn Deroche – Elections Supervisor, Rina Fontana Moore – Clerk & Recorder, Carey Ann Haight – Deputy County Attorney (via telephone), and Kyler Baker – Deputy Clerk & Recorder

**Public:** Jenn Rowell – The Electric, Karl Puckett – Great Falls Tribune

Meeting Called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**1. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

**Resolution 20-14:**

A resolution authorizing a budget appropriation within Fund 5410 Solid Waste Disposal. The increase in spending authority is required due to increases in the costs of recycling of appliances and cardboard products. The additional funding will come from existing fund balances within 5410. Total Amount: \$20,000.00

Rina Fontana Moore, Clerk & Recorder, elaborates. **01:10**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 20-14: A resolution authorizing a budget appropriation within Fund 5410 Solid Waste Disposal. The increase in spending authority is required due to increases in the costs of recycling of appliances and cardboard products. The additional funding will come from existing fund balances within 5410. Total Amount: \$20,000.00 **03:28**

**Motion carries 3-0 03:57**

**2. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

**Contract 20-34:**

MT DPHHS Task Order 20-07-6-11-008-0 Amendment #1 PHEP-COVID-19 Response. Purpose: To upgrade and enhance local public health capacity to respond to events and COVID-19 impacting the public health. Additional Funding: \$110,140.00 (Ref: Contract 19-103, R0375192)

Commissioner Jane Weber elaborates. **04:58**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 20-34: MT DPHHS Task Order 20-07-6-11-008-0 Amendment #1 PHEP-COVID-19 Response. Purpose: To upgrade and enhance local public health capacity to respond to events and COVID-19 impacting the public health. Additional Funding: \$110,140.00 (Ref: Contract 19-103, R0375192) **06:45**  
**Motion Carries 3-0 07:15**

**3. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

**Resolution 20-15:**

A resolution requesting that the Cascade County Elections administrator conduct the June 2, 2020 Primary ballot as a mail ballot election.

Rina Fontana Moore, Clerk & Recorder, elaborates. **07:44 – 14:11** (See Exhibit A)

Commissioner Joe Briggs states that the Governor does not have the authority to issue an all mail ballot election. Stating he will not be voting in support of the all mail ballot election. **16:44**

Rina Fontana Moore, Clerk & Recorder, reads a response from Eric Bryson, Executive Director of Montana Association of Counties. **17:48**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 20-15: A resolution requesting that the Cascade County Elections Administrator conduct the June 2, 2020 Primary ballot as a mail ballot election. **19:09**

*(A brief issue was had with Carey Ann Haight via telephone, she was redialed during this time)*

Chairman Larson asks Carey Ann if there was a lawsuit brought against the County, would the County Attorney's Office defend the Mail Ballot Election. **23:03**

Carey Ann Haight, Deputy County Attorney, answers yes. **23:42**

**Motion carries 2-1 28:20** (For: Larson and Weber; Against: Briggs)

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned this Emergency Special Meeting at 2:59 p.m.