

**CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**MAY 19, 2020**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM #111**

**11:00 AM**

**Commission  
Journal #60**

Notice: Pursuant to MCA 2-3-212(1), the official record of the minutes of the meeting is in audio form, located at [cascadecountymt.gov](http://cascadecountymt.gov) and the Clerk and Records Office. This is a written record of the meeting to reflect all the proceeding of the Board. MCA 7-2-2611 (2) (b). Timestamps are indicated below, in red, and will direct you to the precise location should you wish to review a specific agenda item audio segment. This written record is in draft form until officially approved on June 23, 2020.

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

**Present:** Carey Ann Haight – Deputy County Attorney, Susan Shannon – ExpoPark Director, Kim Lander – Marketing, Tanya Harshaw – DES, Chrissy Wood – ExpoPark Jesse Callender – IT, Trisha Gardner – PHO, Katrin Finch – MSU Extension, Rose Malisani – MSU Extension, Mary Embleton – Budget Officer, Roy Curtis – Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Diane Heikkila – Treasurer, Denise Johnson – Deputy Treasurer, Shanna Bulik-Chism – JDC Director, Tom Mittal – GIS, Kelton Foster – IT, Diane Brien – Accounting Manager, Brad Call – Emergency Management Director, Brenda Hanson – Recording Clerk, Tina Henry – Clerk of District Court, Les Payne – Interim Public Works Director, Bonnie Fogerty – Commission Office, Marie Johnson and Kyler Baker – Deputy Clerk & Recorder

**Public:** Beth Simpson, Kaylyn Sigler, Karen Carlson, Shelby G, Cindy Weber, Lindsey Godwin, Christopher Miller, Tom Yashenko, Kyleigh Heims, Mike Smith, Stacey Copeland, Christina Horton, Robert Dompier, Arlyn Johnson, Aimee Hachigian-Gould, Sandra Thares, Aerial Loewen Joan Kronebusch, Thomas Pike, Rosalie Kiernan, Lyla Grossman, Mike Doran, Kelly Audet, Melanie Paul, Randy Albert, Ken Robison, Stacey Petersen, Jodi Barger, Hailey Ward, AF, Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Kelly Manzer, Saraya Baker, Matt Rains, Laurie Price, David Saslav, Laurie McCullough, Ashley Smith, Lisette Hofer, Brian McKinney, Sara Boadle Kulbeck, Jenny Albert, Amanda Morley, Sue Sutton, David Redenbaugh, Deva Anne, Shayle Taylor, Becky Amaral-Miller, Jacob S, Rhonda Wiggers, Catherine Duerr, Don Hiebert, Randal Morger, Melissa Smith, Dan Manella, Hoglunds, Robin Baker, Randy Bodgen, Joe Ferda, John Hanschen – The Mighty Thomas Carnival, Randy Deck, Laurie Price, Rebecca Engum, Lindsey Kunkel, Pat Frisch, Dody Sproles, Tianta Stevens, Tuff LaPier, Leanne Hall, Jim Sargent, Marilee Taylor, Corrina Beall, Scott Meyers, Brenda Keller, Angela McVay, Justin Campos, Bob McNamee, Jona McNamee, Jasmine Carbajal, Keern Haslem, April Clean, Steve Rogers, John Hayes, Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Mitchell, Teresa Applewick, Ken Thompson, Ryan Dalke, Misty

Bickel, Nicole Hanni, Cory Thompson, Larry Gooldy, Justin Loch, Stephanie Blomgren, Kim Larson, Mary Schwartz, Jami Miller, GI, Tina Bundtrock, Abby Jaynes, Sarah Converse, Shae McPherson, Brittany Patterson, Laura Feist, Jessica Nebel, Aaron Weissman, Rose Stone, Michelle Leardini, Jody Rempel, Laura Hajek, Renee Kuntz, Kristin Dayao, Barbara Mittal, Matt Bronson, Roxann Marchion, Jessica Kostecki, Greg Doyon, Chris Crocker, Ezekial Metcalf, Amanda Horn, Trista Besich, John Juras, Terry Thompson, Mimi Mathson, Shane Etzwiler, Kaylene Kershner, Scott Carlson, Kristi Halvari, Scott Reasoner, Satyn Thomsheck, Alissa H, Dawn Larson, Kaitlin Boysel, Shawn Hill, Crystal Salois, Kristyna Adams, Allyssa Zoern, Billie Cotton, Scott Lettre, Scott Shull, Carl, Scott Reasoner, Todd Seeman, Crystal Bauch, Heidi Miller, Sparky Kottke, Casery Schreiner, LeAnn Bittle, Elijah Collins, Kevin Tenney, Pat Volkmar, Jim Senst, Sylvan, Brandy S, Ross Bartell, Patrick Morrissey, Tom Wylie, T Smith, Alyssa Hebel, Cheri Zrowka, Michela Turnquist, Lori Velock, Rose Sperandio, Suzanne Babbitt, Mikel Martin, Curtis Valladolid, Wayne Thompson, Holly, Mikaela Cappis, David Kstecki, Roxanna Stroud, Dan Levandowski, Steve Ford, Karl Puckett – Great Falls Tribune, Don Burke, Mike Dimich, Jack Deck, Ashley Jaeger, Michelle Sullivan, Wade Sanke, Valerie Martin, Keern Haslem, D Anderson, Janet Rubino, Jenn Rowell – The Electric, Bobbie Dolphay, Mark Fought, Thomas Allen, Brian Kapphan, Raelynn Jones, Mariah Woolley, Katharine Kalafat, Travis Clark, Hayley Leray, Ashley Stafford, Shelli Lavinder-Schwalk, Kayla Grossman, Becky Nelson, Christa Lynn, Michelle Romeo, Alicia Bateman, Nadine Poupa, John Godwin, Matthew Johnson, Mike Parcel, Tia Troy, Randi Hart, Scott Arensmeyer, Frank Razote Linda Metzger, Laura Hajek, Jeff Shull, Rodget Beimer, Jamie Laabs, Jalyn Keighley, Jimmy Sargent, Cheryl Ulmer, Soren Chargois, Karen Venetz.

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**1. Discussion regarding State Fair 2020.**

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Holding the 2020 Montana State Fair in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Susan Shannon, ExpoPark Director, gave a slideshow presentation. **02:57 – 28:17** (*See Exhibit A*)

Chairman Larson opens the meeting to public comments. **32:00**

Written Comments that were emailed to the Commissioners were made part of the record. (*See Exhibit B*)

Matt Rains, PO Box 376, Simms, MT, comments. **33:13**

John Hanschen, Mighty Thomas Carnival, 4508 Cliffstone Cove, Austin, TX, comments. **35:46**

Jim Sargent, 2521 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Great Falls, MT, comments. **39:16**

Wade Sankey, PO Box 609, Jolliet, MT, comments. **42:19**

Elijah Collins, 939 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, KFBB, comments. **44:22**

Rebecca Engum, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, comments. **53:43**

During this time multiple comments/questions were read from the “chat” function on Zoom.  
Please refer to audio recording.

Rose Malisani, Cascade County MSU Extension, comments. **1:23:56**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to CANCEL Montana State Fair 2020. **1:28:32**

Commissioner Weber states she will reluctantly vote in favor of this motion. **1:29:03**

Chairman Larson states he mirrors the comments made by his fellow commissioners.  
**1:30:40**

Rebecca Engum, 100 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N, comments on the motion. **1:31:59**

**Motion carries 3-0 1:36:42**

**Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the Commissioners’ jurisdiction.**

None

**Adjournment:** Chairman Larson adjourned this special meeting at 12:39 a.m.