

# CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 26, 2022

Via Zoom and Conference room attendees

9:30 A.M.

Commission  
Journal #62

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**Commission :** Chairman Joe Briggs, Commissioner Jim Larson, and Commissioner Don Ryan.

**Staff:** Captain Scott VanDyken, Chrissy Wood- CCSO, Carey Ann Haight- Chief Deputy Attorney, Phoebe Marcinek-County Attorneys, Les Payne- Public Works, Kevin Angland- Planner, Charity Yonker- Planning Director, Diane Heikkla- Treasurer, Mary Embelton-Finance, Bonnie Fogerty-Commission and Marie Johnson -Deputy Clerk & Recorder

**Attendees Via Zoom:** 1-406-750-6842, Rae Grulkowski, Nicole Girten, Steve Zabawa, J. Scott, Jenn Rowell, and Kyler Baker.

**Public:** Steve Erwin, C. Robinson, Betty Fulus, Beth Price Morrison, Kandi Stebe, Lewis Zanto, Mike Scheer, Sharon Thompson, Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Bev Tuttle, Nancy Donovan, Jonathan D Martin, and Julie Bass.

**Call to Order :** Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order. **00:02**

**Reading of the Commissioners ' calendar:** Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar. **00:18**

**Purchase orders and accounts payable checks:** See agenda for payment information. Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. **Motion carries 3-0 02:35**

**Treasurers Report:** Diane Heikkla read the treasurers report. **03:14**

**Commission comments on the treasurer 's report.** **05:50**

**Consent agenda:** Routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner may pull items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion/vote.

**Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items:** Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to (A) Approve minute entries April 6, 2022. (B) Approval of Routine Contracts as Follows:

**Resolution 22-25:** Budget Appropriation within the Public Safety Grant Fund #2918 increasing budget to purchase body worn cameras funded by a U.S. Department of Justice Grant #2020-BC-BX-K001. Total Amount: \$100,000. (Ref: Contract 22-33) **07:08 R0429090**

**Resolution 22-26:** Budget Appropriation within the Homeland Security Grant Fund #2929 increasing budget for purchase of a Mobile Command Vehicle. Total Amount: \$286,126. (Ref: Contract 21-157, R0419339) **07:22 R0429091**

**Resolution 22-27:** Budget Appropriation within the General Fund #1000 due to increased activity in the Emergency Snow Removal program. Total Amount: \$77,700. **07:50 R0429092**

**Contract 22-46:** Contract with Ivers Construction of Great Falls to replace the two (2) nonfunctioning fire hydrants located within the ExpoPark. Total Cost: \$26,372. **08:25 R0429361**

**Contract 22-47:** License Agreement between Dennis W. Skinner and Cascade County. Cascade County will be extracting and producing road mix gravel for rebuilding and maintaining the county roads in the Western area of the county. Legal Description: Section 9, Township 21N, Range 2W, Geocode: 02-3134-09-3-03-01-0000, Totaling: 42 acres. Cost: \$7,000/per acre. (5-year term) **08:42 R0429363**

**Motion carries 3-0 to approve items on the consent agenda 10:07**

**Agenda Item #1**

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

**Contract 22-44:** Acceptance of the Montana DES 2020 State Homeland Security Program State Grant: #20HS-Cascade-TNV, Federal #: EMW-2020-SS-00018, Amendment #1. Project: Tactical Night Vision. Effective: October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2022. Increased Award Amount: \$102,900.72 100% Reimbursable (No County Match) (Ref: Contract 20-148, R0395944) **10:14 R0429103**

Captain Scott VanDyken presented this grant. **10:35**

Commissioner Ryan made a **MOTION** to approve Contract #22-44, acceptance of 2020 State Homeland Security Program Tactical Night Vision Project. **Motion carries 3-0 12:07**

**Agenda Item #2**

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

**Resolution 22-28:** Budget Appropriation within the Homeland Security Grant Fund #2929 for the Tactical Night Vision project to purchase Night Vision Googles.

Total Amount: \$102,901. (Ref: Contract 22-44) **13:03 R0429093**

Chrissy Wood, Accountant for the Sheriff's Office stated that this is the appropriation of the previous grant presented by the captain. **13:13**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 22-28 increasing expenditures and revenues in fund 2929-486 as per grant award contract. **13:34**

**Motion carries 3-0 13:51**

**Agenda Item #3**

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

**Contract 22-45:** Contract with Nomad GCS Company for a Mobile Command Vehicle.

Total Cost not to exceed: \$577,845. Funding is based upon a Grant Award from FEMA through MT DES. **14:12 R0429242**

Captain Scott VanDyken presented this contract for the purchase of a mobile command vehicle. **14:27**

Commission discussion on this item. **15:03**

Commissioner Ryan made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 22-45 mobile command vehicle contract with Nomad GCS Company.

Julie Bass- Public member had questions. **16:46**

**Motion carries 3-0 19:15**

**Agenda Item #4**

**Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

**Contract 22-48:** Contract with Weaver Grain LLC of Conrad MT to remove the old EFIS and install new metal siding onto the Pacific Steel & Recycling Arena and the Exhibition Hall located at ExpoPark. Total Cost: \$76,434. **19:28 R0429362**

Les Payne presented this contract. **19:39**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 22-48, for Weaver Grain LLC, of Conrad Montana, to remove EFIS, and install new metal siding onto the Pacific Steel & Recycling Arena and the Exhibition Hall located at the Expo Park, for a total cost to Cascade County of \$76,434.00 **Motion carries 3-0 22:35**

**Agenda Item #5**

**Public Hearing - to discontinue one alleyway**

**Close the Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Briggs closed the Regular Commission Meeting at 9:53 a.m.

**Open the Public Hearing:**

Chairman Briggs opened the Public Hearing at 9:42 a.m.

**Waived Reading of Public Notice:**

The reading of the Public Notice was waived without objection. **23:25** (See Exhibit A)

**Staff Report:**

Kevin Angland Planner provided a Staff Report. **23:32**

**Chairman Briggs requested written testimony:**

There was no written testimony.

**Call for Proponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for proponents in which-

Mary Embleton, spoke as applicant and in favor of this alley discontinuance. **27:50**

Chairman Briggs called for Proponents, three times with no additional responses. **29:15**

**Call for Opponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for Opponents, three times with no response. **29:30**

**Call for Informational Witnesses:**

Chairman Briggs called for Informational Witnesses, three times with no response. **29:38**

**Close to Public Hearing:**

Chairman Briggs closed the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

**Resume Regular Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Briggs re-opened the Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Chairman Briggs called for a motion.**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve **Resolution 22-24:** Discontinuing an alleyway running north to south between Lots 1A-3A, 4-8 and Lots 9-16, within Block 6, approximately 400 feet long and 15 feet wide, within the platted townsite of Brown in the NW ¼ of Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 05 East, P.M.M., Cascade County, Montana, as described by the incorporated map subject to the two (2) following conditions.

1. The discontinued alley reverts to the ownership of the adjacent property owners, with the concurrence of said property owners.
2. The petitioner causes to be filed an Amended Plat delineation the boundaries of the affected property within six (6) months of the date of the resolution to discontinue said person of alley. **Motion carries 3-0 32:26 R0429102**

Closing comments from the Commission. **31:09**

**Public Comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners ' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103) People listed below spoke at this meeting. The timestamps below are indicated for reference to indicate when each person began speaking. During this public comment period conversations occurred, and questions were acknowledged, these are not timestamped. In addition, addresses were not given as common practice - all speakers introduced themselves as Cascade County Residents .**

**Julie Bass 32:44**

**Ben Forsyth 36:53**

**Nancy Donovan 52:48**

**Steve Zabawa (Zoom Attendee) 55:26**

**Mike Sheer 1:00**

**Lewis Zanto 1:01**

**Lola Sheldon-Galloway 1:01**

**Beth Morrison 1:07**

**Carol Robinson 1:09**

**Jonathan Martin 1:09**

**Betty Filius 1:10**

**Sharon Thompson 1:11**

**Daniel Nelson 1:12**

**Julie Bass 1:13**

**Closing comments from the Commission 1:15-1:18**

**Adjournment:** Chairman Briggs adjourned this Commission Meeting at 10:50 a.m.