

# CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

April 27, 2021

Via Zoom and Conference room attendees

9:30 A.M.

Commission  
Journal #61

**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 this meeting to reflect all the proceedings of the Board. MCA 7-4-2611 (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. These were officially approved on May 25, 2021.

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

**Staff:** Diane Heikkila- Treasurer, Corey Larson- Undersheriff, Chrissy Woods- Sheriffs Dept., Shanna Bulik-Chism- JDC, Mary Embleton - Budget Officer, Carey Ann Haight - Deputy County Attorney, Les Payne- Public Works, Charity Yonker- Planning Director, Sandor Hopkins- Planning, Anna Echnes- Planning, Amber Hobbs- Planning, Bonnie Fogerty-Commission Office, Michele Bruner- and Marie Johnson -Deputy Clerk & Recorder

**Public:** Steve Irwin, Michael Zook, Zac Griffin, Karl Birky, Nathan Hoines, Nora Mabie, Jenn Rowell, Trista Besich, Ryan Buffington, Tanya Houston, Kevin Nurre, Nicole Girten, Rae Grulkowski, and 1-406-799-1892.

**Call to Order :** Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order. **00:45**

**Proclamation:** Commissioner Ryan read this proclamation- May 5, 2021 "Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day: Representative: Hannah Pate **01:00**

There were some technical difficulties during this time frame. **02:12-05:32**

Commissioner Ryan re read the proclamation due to the technical difficulties. **05:33**

Shanna Bulik-Chism commented on this proclamation. **09:52**

**Reading of the Commissioners ' calendar:** Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar. **10:17**

**Treasurers report :** Diane Heikkila read the Treasurers report (see agenda).

**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 13:47:**

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. (B) Approval of Routine Contracts as Follows:

**Compensation Board Appointment** (1) Vacancy - Applicant: Evelyn Forsyth - Term Expiration: June 30, 2023 **18:00**

**Resolution 21-25:** Budget Appropriation within Fund 4140 increasing capital improvements to utilize the funds due to Covid reimbursements. Total Amount: \$157,560.00 (Ref: Contract 21-32, R0407006) **18:24 R0409507**

**Resolution 21-26:** Prosecutorial Assistance, appointing the Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities, and Insurance to conduct the prosecutions of State of Montana vs. Vanworth, Patrick Lawrence and State of Montana vs. Vanworth, Reid Alan on behalf of the Cascade County Attorney's Office. **18:30 R0409508**

**Contract 21-57:** Application for a 310 Permit CA-03-21P, Big Sky Select Properties/Brion Lindseth, Missouri River. Initiated by: Woith Engineering/Contractor. **18:53 R0409504**

**Motion carries 3-0 to approve items on the consent agenda 20:21**

### **Agenda Item #1 Public Hearing**

**Resolution 21-22:** A resolution to abandon one (1) alleyway within the subdivision known as Sexton Park an Addition to Great Falls Montana. Location: Section 19, Township 20N, Range 04E P.M.M Cascade County, MT, known as the alleyway running East to West within Block 18, approximately 350 feet long and 20 feet wide. Initiated by: Russell Myers **20:27 R0409505**

#### **Recess of the Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Briggs recessed the Regular Commission Meeting at 9:51 a.m.

#### **Open the Public Hearing:**

Chairman Briggs opened the Public Hearing at 9:52 a.m.

#### **Waived Reading of Public Notice:**

The reading of the Public Notice was waived without objection. **21:05** (See Exhibit A)

#### **Staff Report:**

Amber Hobbs, Planner, provides Staff Report. **21:34 - 27:23**

Commissioner Ryan had a question about condition #2. **27:24**

#### **Call to Applicant:**

No comment. **27:25**

#### **Call for Proponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for Proponents, three times with no response. **28:26**

#### **Call for Opponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for Opponents, three times with no response. **28:41**

#### **Call for Informational Witnesses:**

Chairman Briggs called for Informational Witnesses, three times with no response. **29:05**

#### **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 10:01 a.m.

**Motion:** Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 21-22, discontinuing one (1) alleyway running East to West within Block 18 approximately 350 feet long and 20 feet wide. The alley described above is a platted right-of-way within the subdivision known as the Sexton Park and addition to Great Falls MT located in Section 19, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, P.M.M. Cascade County, MT as described within this staff report and subject to the 2 conditions. **Motion carries 3-0 30:44**

### **Agenda Item #2**

Final Plat Application: Peace Park Major Subdivision consisting of 14 residential lots on Parcel #2019022 located at Section 34, Township 20 North, Range 03 East, P.M.M., Cascade County, MT. Initiated by: Karl Birky **31:14**

Anna Echnes presented this final plat approval. **31:20**

Commissioner Ryan made a **MOTION** that after consideration of the staff report and final plat application to approve the final plat of The Peace Park Subdivision due to the 21 conditions being met. **Motion carries 3-0 40:11**

### **Agenda Item #3 Public Hearing**

**Resolution 21-23:** A resolution to discontinue one (1) street within the subdivision of Largent and Strong East addition to Sun River. Location: in Section 34, Township 21 North, Range 01 West, P.M.M. Cascade County, MT, known as Strong Street, approximately 600 feet long and 60 feet wide. Initiated by Amos Birky **40:24**

#### **Recess the Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Briggs recessed the Regular Commission Meeting at 10:11 a.m.

#### **Open the Public Hearing:**

Chairman Briggs opened the Public Hearing at 10:11 a.m.

**Waived Reading of Public Notice:**

The reading of the Public Notice was waived without objection. **40:58** (See Exhibit B)

**Staff Report:**

Sandor Hopkins, Planner, provides Staff Report. **41:29 - 45:24**

**Call to Applicant:**

Chairman Briggs invited the applicant to speak with no response. **28:09**

**Call for Proponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for Proponents, three times with no response. **45:32**

**Call for Opponents:**

Chairman Briggs called for Opponents, three times with no response. **46:02**

**Call for Informational Witnesses:**

Chairman Briggs called for Informational Witnesses, three times with no response. **46:17**

**Close to Public Hearing:**

Chairman Briggs closed the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

**Resume Regular Commission Meeting:**

Chairman Briggs re-opened the Commission Meeting at 10:17 a.m.

**Call for a motion:**

**Chairman Briggs called for a motion on this item. 46:40**

Commissioner Ryan made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution 21-23, discontinuing the street platted as Strong Street approximately 600 feet long and 60 feet wide, a platted right-of-way within the subdivision known as the Largent and Strong East Addition to Sun River, located in Section 34, Township 21 N, Range 1W, P.M.M. Cascade County MT, as described in staff report and as identified by the map incorporated herein, subject to the 2 conditions. **Motion carries 3-0 48:22 R0409511**

It was noted that the typed motion stated 500 feet and the correct measurement is 600 feet long.

**Agenda Item #4**

**Resolution 21-24:** Final Resolution Amending the Zoning Map of the Cascade County Zoning Regulations. Parcels: #2439600, #2019003, #2019004, #2019005, #2019006.

Parcel Locations: Tracts 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 of Certificate of Survey 5142, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, PMM, Cascade County, Montana.

Properties will be rezoned from Suburban Residential 1 ("SR-1") to Light Industrial ("I-1")

Applicant: Darrell A. Swanson

Sandor Hopkins presented this item. **49:34**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve the adoption of Resolution 21-24 the final resolution to rezone parcels #2439600, #2019003, #2019004, #2019005, #2019006.

Parcel Locations: Tracts 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 of Certificate of Survey 5142, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 20 North, Range 3 East, PMM, Cascade County, Montana.

Properties will be rezoned from Suburban Residential 1 ("SR-1") to Light Industrial ("I-1")

**Motion carries 3-0 55:31**

**Agenda Item #5**

**Contract 21-53:** Agreement between Cascade County and Alluvion Health to provide inmate medical services, mental health care and treatment program services. Cost of 1st Year:

\$1,572,000.00 Term: 4 years, Option of 3 more in 12-month increments.

Undersheriff Corey Reeves presented this contract. **56:44 R0409509**

Discussion concerning this contract. **58:40-59:34**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 21-53 an inmate medical services contract with Alluvion. **Motion carries 3-0 59:35**

**Agenda Item #6**

Application for Buildings for Lease or Rent

**Contract 21-54:** Parcel #0002645640, Location: Lot 4, Block 1 of Foothills Ranch Commercial Subdivision, Section 13, Township 20 North, Range 04 East, P.M.M., Cascade County, MT. Applicant: Ranch Development, LLC

Sandor Hopkins presented this item. **1:00**

Discussion concerning this storage facility. **1:01-1:11**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to adopt the staff report and approve the two (2) mini storage buildings with 45 units each, one mini storage building with 30 units, building and one mini storage building with 10 units on parcel #2645640 with geocode 02-3016-13-4-01-07-0000, legally described as Lot 4, Block 1 of the Foothills Ranch Commercial Subdivision in section 13, Township 20 N, Range 4 East, P.M.M., Cascade County MT subject to 2 conditions. Motion carries 3-0 **1:12 NR**

#### **Agenda Item #7**

**Contract 21-55:** Contract with Gruber Excavating, Inc. to complete dust control by applying magnesium chloride on selected Cascade County roads. Total Cost: \$35,799.96

Les Payne presented this contract. **1:14 R0409513**

Commissioner Ryan made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 21-55, estimate proposal from Gruber Excavating, Inc. of Montana City for the total cost to the county \$35,799.96 and instruct staff to complete the contracting process. **Motion carries 3-0 1:16**

#### **Agenda Item #8**

**Contract 21-56:** Contract with LAABS Construction, LLC to remodel the new Elections space, located in the Cascade County Courthouse Annex at 325 2nd Avenue North, GF MT. Total Cost: \$47,250.00

Les Payne presented this contract. **1:17 R0409514**

Commissioner Larson made a **MOTION** to approve Contract 21-56, estimate proposal from LAABS Construction, LLC of Great Falls, MT for a total cost to the county of \$47,250.00 **Motion carries 3-0 1:19**

**Public Comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners ' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103) None**

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